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## THE LAWS OF THE SCHOOLS.

THE widely spread difference of opinion as to the interpretation to be put upon the School Laws, and upon the desirability of adopting the alterations recently proposed at the General Courts, has reached a stage at which we may probably assist our readers in arriving at a just decision on both these points. In endeavouring to do this, and bearing in mind that comparatively few of the subscribers are in possession of copies of the Laws,—although we believe the Secretaries would forward them to any applicant,—we will give “chapter and verse” of those clauses which appear to us to bear upon the subject which has been—perhaps too warmly—argued. The original design of governing these Institutions seems to have been, firstly, a General Court, which was doubtless intended to include every subscriber entitled to vote at the School Elections, although the Laws, both in the original and in the suggested amendments, are curiously silent on this point; and, secondly, a General Committee for transacting the ordinary business of the Institution, with sub-division into House, and Finance and Audit Committees, the powers and duties of each being duly set forth. As to the General Court, Law 30 says:—

XXX. The business of a Quarterly General Court shall be to elect the Patron, or Patrons, Treasurer, Trustees, Vice-Presidents, Life Governors (other than those who become Vice-Presidents or Life Governors in right of their contributions),—the twelve representative members of the General Committee, and Medical Officers:—to declare Vacancies,—elect Boys,—make new laws, and abrogate or amend existing laws; and generally to direct and control the affairs of the Institution.

A Quarterly General Court has the power of adjournment.

Law 31 provides that a Special Court shall be called on a requisition in writing; Law 32 appoints the Chairman and fixes the quorum of five members; Law 33 stipulates that every motion shall be in writing; and Law 34 reads:—

XXXIV. No motion for a new law, for the abrogation or alteration of any existing law, or for a grant of money, shall be made at a General Court, unless notice thereof shall have been given at a previous General Court or General Committee, and advertised by the Secretary in three, at least, of the daily papers, six days prior to such meeting, notice also being sent to every Provincial Grand Secretary.

The prerogative of the General Committee is defined by Laws 35 and 36:—

### GENERAL COMMITTEE.

XXXV. The ordinary business of the Institution shall be transacted by a General Committee, consisting of all Life Governors,\* together with twelve Life or Annual Subscribers elected annually at the Quarterly Court in April. A summary of their monthly proceedings shall be reported to the following Quarterly General Court. They shall receive and examine the Petitions of Candidates for admission, and recommend to the Quarterly Court those declared eligible to be placed on the list for election, with power to reject any petition if they consider the case not within the class of those intended to be aided by the Institution, notwithstanding the correctness of all certificates required,—elect the House, and Finance, and Audit Committees,—fill up vacancies therein,—elect or remove the Secretary, Collector, and paid officers (other than those hereinafter excepted), appoint Sub-Committees,—receive the reports of all Committees, consider and decide upon their recommendations, and order payment of the accounts as approved by the Finance and Audit Committee.

XXXVI. They shall meet at the Office of the Institution, on the last Thursday of every month (except when that day shall be Christmas Day, and then on the day preceding), at Four o'clock in the Afternoon,

\* There is a palpable omission here, which seems to have escaped notice. Patrons, Patrons, and Vice-Presidents, must be qualified members of this Committee.

elect a Chairman at each Meeting, and may adjourn from time to time.

Three shall form a quorum.

The succeeding clauses refer to the House and Finance Committees, and have no other bearing on the questions under discussion than that their proceedings are to be reported to the General Committee; no mention being made of the General Court.

The main point of difference, as we understand it is, do these Laws confer upon the General Court a power of appointing Sub-Committees? We think not. Strictly speaking, a Sub-Committee can only be appointed by a Committee. It would clearly be within the powers of the Court itself, under clause 30, and after due notice and advertisements, as required by clause 34, to meet by adjournment any number of times, to alter, abrogate, or add to the existing Laws; but it would also appear that in nominating twelve representative members of the General Committee, the Court had already exercised the full power of Committee nomination originally contemplated, and that any references by the Court should be to the General Committee whose authority to appoint a Sub-Committee for any special purpose is indisputable. Indeed, if the Court possessed the power, the policy of its exercise would be very questionable, since the General Committee might reasonably construe the appointment into a “want of confidence” vote. It will be observed that Law 30, besides specifying the business of a Quarterly Court, specifically gives the power of adjournment, and if it had also been intended to confer also a right of appointing Sub-Committees, this would doubtless have been likewise expressed. The General Committee is required to report a summary of their proceedings to the Quarterly Court, as well as to recommend the candidates eligible to be placed on the list for election, but on no other subject are either of the Committees required to communicate with the General Court. As to receiving reports from Sub-Committees, if the Court can override the written laws in this particular, we see no reason why it could not supersede the General Committee in the elections of the House Committee, Secretary, &c., or override the House Committee in the appointment of School staff. We doubt if it is desirable to encourage any deviations from a commonsense reading of the regulations, but we have no wish to assume the office of dictator, nor do we desire to assert that every person who fails to see the question in the same light as ourselves is necessarily devoid of sense.

## DECORATIONS—WHAT ARE THEY WORTH?

IN this Nineteenth Century the old adage “Beauty unadorned is adorned the most,” may well be taken to heart by Freemasons. Wherever we assemble Masonically, we are sure to find many of those we meet bespangled with tinsel and meaningless gee-gaws which, if displayed on a wild Indian, would be greeted with endless ridicule. Why all this outward show? simply it is the fashion; and, as such, we suppose must and will endure. We do not find fault with those who have to provide for the popular taste; but who can describe as anything approaching ease the *posé* of a brother who has been sitting for two or three hours in a hot room with something short of a dozen decorations jingling no matter which way he turns, or who can look upon the bulk of the jewels that are

annually voted to Past Masters in any other light than in mockery. This love of show does not confine itself to English Freemasonry, if we may judge from a writer in our contemporary, the *Masonic Advocate*, published at Indianapolis, who, in commenting on the recent election of Officers of the various Lodges in that city, remarks that "most of the important stations have been filled with Past Masters." The reason for this the writer is unable to give. It cannot, in his opinion, be "from a want of good material among the membership from which to make a selection, for there is plenty of such in all the Lodges." He rather inclines to the idea that it is done from motives of economy, "for the practice has so long prevailed of presenting the retiring master with a costly testimonial that it has become a heavy annual tax on the members." He also thinks that "these Past Masters having all been supplied with testimonials can hardly expect another, and thus the practice can be broken up without hurting the feelings of any one." We only hope, as does our transatlantic brother, that such an end may be accomplished, for it would remove what is, in our opinion, the most obnoxious principle in connection with Freemasonry. We do not know to what extent American Masons have carried the system, but judging from the remarks of the *Advocate*, we think they have gone as far as the mother country. In this country very many Lodges would as leave think of passing over an installation night without investing the various Officers as they would think of omitting to present the retiring W.M. with a jewel. That such a system, carried out without the slightest regard to the services of the outgoing Master, is demoralising, is patent to any one who gives consideration to the matter. Here is a Lodge which started the year in a prosperous condition, harmony and good feeling being predominant. The W.M., either by bad management or wilful injustice, or perhaps eager to take advantage of the first opportunity he has of exercising his power, causes ill-feeling to be engendered, and divisions to arise among the members; instead of trying to settle the difficulty amicably, he acts in such an arbitrary manner as to widen the breach, and not unfrequently drives, during his term of office, several members from the meetings of the Lodge. Then, again, there is the Brother who enters the chair totally unable to work a ceremony, his duties having to be performed by the Past Masters. Such brethren usually attempt to open and close their Lodge, and then the members are compelled to listen to an unintelligible jumble of words which seem totally beyond the comprehension of the elected Master. These are among the disadvantages which arise from promoting Officers by seniority, without any regard being paid to their capability for a post, and then going through the farce of voting a jewel for services (?) rendered.

We are afraid the evil is not likely to be so easily remedied as our contemporary points out. The vanity of some members of our Order is such that they will even go so far as to buy their own jewel, and for ever after refer "with just pride to the moment when it was presented to them, and never miss an opportunity to comment on the very pleasant evenings they spent when "conducting the affairs of the Lodge." But even this would be better than allowing the funds of a Lodge to be wasted as they too often are. It has often appeared to us very peculiar; and often we wonder that the propositions for P.M.'s jewels when they are brought forward are not more frequently opposed; it can only be that brethren are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of charity, and are thus kept from expressing their feelings; yet, is this charitable? does it not tend to bring our Order into ridicule, not only from within but from without? where, as often as not, a man's aptitude for presiding over an assembly is widely known.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING—GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Joshua Nunn presided. The brethren assembled in large numbers to vote at the election of two successors on the House Committee to Bro. Benjamin Head and Bro. John Boyd, both deceased. Three candidates for election in October were accepted. A letter was ordered to be written to Bro. S. Leith Tomkins, acknowledging his offer for the Capital and Counties Bank to receive subscriptions in the City for the Masonic Girls' School. At the election for the House Committee, Bros. William Hope, M.D., and Edward Cox were the successful candidates.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE SOUTHDOWN LODGE, No. 1797.

MOST of our readers are doubtless familiar with the "Devil's Dyke," which is about six miles from Brighton, and which occupies a position on the northern verge of the beautiful range of Sussex Downs, so famed for the Southdown mutton, and which overlook the wide expanse of country forming the Weald. At about a mile and a half due north, and forming a prominent object in the great panorama, is seen the handsome early English Church, with its tall spire, erected about forty years since, from the designs of the celebrated Barry, of Hurstpierpoint, a town-village situated in the midst of charming scenery, and a favourite resort in summer time for Brightonians. Like in most country places, there has been a great lack of sociality existing, and an entire dearth of amusement, or rather of intellectual and useful occupation, especially during the long winter evenings, and an old and enthusiastic London Mason having settled down there he was not long in conceiving the idea of remedying this monotonous state of things by founding a Masonic Lodge, and so bringing together a lot of loose material—so to speak—and uniting it in a common bond of fellowship. Praiseworthy as was this idea, the task was not an easy one, as not a Freemason could be found in the parish. A Brother, however, of another London Lodge, had settled at Hovefield, a small town adjacent, and shortly after one of the largest business establishments in the place fell into the hands of an old Past Master, and steps were at once taken—with the assistance of several Brighton brethren—in the direction of petitioning Grand Lodge for a Warrant of Constitution. Some delay was occasioned by the very stringent, though commendable practice which obtains in the Province of Sussex, of requiring clearance notes from the former Lodges of the signatories, but these having been at length supplied, and the petition presented to Sir Walter Wyndham Barrall, the Prov. G.M., it was in due course forwarded, with his recommendation to Grand Lodge, and a Warrant was issued. The meetings of the new Lodge are to be regulated by the full moon, so as to give members residing at a distance the benefit of the "Parish Lantern," as the nocturnal luminary has been sometimes called. This contingency renders it necessary, in order that the candidates might not lose the chance of advancement in the several degrees, that the first regular meeting of the Lodge should take place on Wednesday, the 6th March, that being the nearest to full moon, and in order to get the interval of seven days between the proposition of members and the ballot, the Consecration of the Lodge was fixed by the Prov. Grand Master for Tuesday last, on which occasion the ceremony, in the unavoidable absence of the Right Wor. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master, was performed, at the Music Room, Hurstpierpoint, by W. Bro. John H. Scott Deputy Prov. Grand Master, assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers. At three o'clock the brethren assembled in the Lodge room, after which the Prov. Deputy G.M. and the visitors of distinction met in an adjoining room, and then walked to the Lodge room in procession. The Lodge being opened in the three degrees, the Deputy Prov. G. Master addressed the brethren. An address was also given by the Prov. G. Secretary, when the Deputy G. Master directed that the members of the new Lodge should be arranged in order. This was done by the Prov. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies and his Assistant. After the petition had been read by the Prov. Grand Secretary, the Prov. G. Registrar read the warrant. A very impressive address was then given by the Past Prov. G. Chaplain. After some very excellent choral singing, the Deputy Prov. G. Master and the Prov. G. Wardens carried the elements of consecration round the Lodge, the ceremony being accompanied by solemn music. The Deputy Prov. G. Master having dedicated and constituted the Lodge, its duties were resumed in the second degree. The W.M., Bro. George Kelly King, P.G. Steward England, P.M. 4 and 1541, was duly installed. He then appointed his Officers, viz., Bros. W. Hudson P. Prov. Grand Deacon as I.P.M. and Treasurer, James Curtis P.M. 315 S.W., Walter Fitch P.M. 1410 J.W., E. Broadbridge Secretary, J. Musson S.D., J. Fitch J.D., R. Pope I.G., and H. Hughes Tyler. Bro. J. Curtis proposed, and Bro. W. Fitch seconded, that the W.M. and Officers constitute the committee to draw up the bye-laws.—Carried. Bro. G. Kelly King W.M. was appointed a member to serve on the Charities' Committee of Prov. Grand Lodge. The proceedings concluded with seven propositions for initiation and two for joining. Among the brethren present at the opening ceremony were Bros. John H. Scott Dep. Prov. Grand Master, W. Sergison Prov. S.G.W., H. M. Davey Past Prov. G. Chaplain, Charles Woolley Prov. G. Registrar, V. P. Freeman Prov. G. Secretary, W. Hole Prov. S.G.D., Mark Tanner Prov. G.J.D., J. M. Kidd Prov. G.D. of C., W. C. Sharp Prov. G.A.D. of C., J. H. Farncombe Prov. G.S.B., Alfred King Prov. G. Organist, W. T. Nell Prov. G. Pursuivant, G. T. Evershed Prov. G. Steward, E. Bright Prov. G. Steward, A. J. Hawkes Prov. G. Steward, Frank Holford Prov. G. Steward, E. B. McWhinnie Prov. G. Steward, C. Tomkinson Prov. G. Supt. of Works, T. Hughes Tyler, Bros. H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton) P.M. Royal Brunswick 732, W. Hudson P.M. 315 P. Prov. G.J.D., W. Dennes P.M. 341 P.P.G.R., F. J. Rubio P.M. 341 Prov. G.S., G. Kelly King W.M. designate, James Curtis S.W. designate, Walter Fitch J.W., Edward Broadbridge Secretary, J. T. Musson S.D. designate, J. Fitch J.D. designate, H. H. Hughes Tyler, T. Wilkinson W.M. Royal Clarence 271, John P. M. Smith S.W. Royal Clarence 271, P. J. Emery Howard 56, H. S. Gates St. Cecilia 1636, C. J. Carter Royal York 315, S. Tanner W.M. South Saxon 311, J. Robertson J.D. Yarborough 811, E. S. Byass W.M. Ockenden 1165, E. Taylor W.M. Mid-Sussex 1141, H. F. Hauxwell J.W. Royal Brunswick 732, H. Figg P.M. Mid-Sussex 1141 P.P.G.J.D., F. Edward D.C. Mid-Sussex 1141, G. A. Howes Mid-Sussex 1141, T. Harms J.W. Mid-Sussex 1141, W.M. Agate Mid-Sussex 1141, C. Golding Royal York 315, W. J. Evershed Royal York 315, J. Newman Royal York 315, G. R. Johnson Chaplain (Fortsmeuth) 487, H. A. Dowell S.D. Nova Ecclesia 1466, J. Luttman-Johnson Nova Ecclesia 1466, F. Downard Royal York 315, G. W.

Downard Royal York 315, A. J. Newman Tyrian 1110, Charles Braid Oekenden 1465, J. S. Campion Brecknock 651, R. G. Williams Murrumbidge (Australia) 511, T. Sinnock Royal York 315, E. Dunsday Oekenden 1465 T. Rose jun. Royal Brunswick 732, B. Bennett W.M. Royal Brunswick 732, S. Solomon P.M. Royal Brunswick 732, W. Roe Organist, St. Cecilia 1636, G. Cole St. Cecilia 1636, and C. Sandeman W.M. St. Cecilia 1636. At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony the brethren adjourned to the Sussex Hotel, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, supplied by Bros. Sayers and Marks, Western-road, Brighton. The catering gave unusual satisfaction, while the wines, which were of the choicest brands, were supplied by Host A. Geer, who deserves great credit for the manner in which he, at short notice, fitted up his various rooms for the reception of the brethren. The arrangements were in fact excellent, and proved a surprise to those who had been unaccustomed to the admirable banquets associated with the Brighton Pavilion Rooms. The floral decorations were supplied by Messrs. E. Geer and Son, and served to enhance the general appearance of the banqueting room. At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. The musical arrangements were under the care of Bro. Alfred King Prov. Grand Organist, who was ably assisted by Bros. E. Broadbridge, W. Roe, H. S. Gates, and G. Cole. Bro. Alfred King, among other original music, composed for the consecration ceremony an effective chorale, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to him for the help he, with the other Prov. Grand Officers, had rendered. The solo singing of Bro. Broadbridge was an especial feature of the evening. The Southdown Lodge bids fair to prove itself a valuable adjunct to the cause of Freemasonry in Sussex. The first initiations will take place next Wednesday. Under the care of Bro. G. Kelly King and his experienced Officers, the Lodge seems to have a bright future before it. Before closing this report we may state that this is the third Lodge which owes its origin to Bro. Kelly King, the other two being the Mid-Sussex, No. 1141, at Horsham, and the Alexandra Palace, No. 1541, at Muswell Hill.

### THE LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE members of this Association met for the despatch of business and celebration of the Association's Anniversary on Wednesday last, at the Swan Hotel, Stratford. Present:—Bros. J. G. Stevens P.M. 544, 933, P.Z. 933, President; W. A. Tharp P.M. 49, 1228, Z. 53, Vice-President; C. Lacey P.P.G.D. Herts. P.M. 174, 1327, 1421, Treasurer; R. W. Biggs J.D. 1421, H. N. Taylor S.W. 1421, R. J. Tucker P.M. 933, J. Boulton J.D. 1056, Members of the Committee. T. S. Taylor W.M. 1421, S.W. 554, Hon. Secretary, and the following brethren: Claridge, J. Hunt, Owen, Bright, Medwin, R. Barnes P.M. 544, &c., F. Binckes Secretary Girls' Schools, H. Massey, O. Dietrich FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The Hon. Secretary read the report and balance sheet, which was adopted. Two ballots for life-governorships resulted in favour of T. Jex and J. Jessett. A letter from Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' School, excusing himself for non-attendance, and wishing the Association success, was read. At the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to the supper-room where an excellent repast was served, under the direction of Bro. Watkins. At its conclusion, Bro. J. G. Stevens called upon the company to drink to the health of the first lady in the land, Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. Masons never met without mentioning her name with honour and reverence. At the present moment many stalwart sons of this country were on their way to meet the foes of England; let us wish them success. Bro. Stevens concluded a feeling and excellent speech by coupling with the name of Her Majesty the following sentiment: Loyalty to the Throne and Success to the Craft. The call was most enthusiastically responded to by the brethren. Bro. Greenfield obliged the company with a song. On again rising, the President said that the next toast he had to submit was success to the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association; on this evening they had met to celebrate the third anniversary of the foundation of the Association, and he thought he could honestly and sincerely congratulate all present upon its success. During the period of its existence there had been 71 life-governorships, 60 of which had been ballotted and paid for. During the three years £750 had been collected; of this sum the Boys had received £196, the Girls £155 10s, and the Aged £260. These facts and figures were incontestible, and he thought that if they had not banded themselves together in the manner they had done, the Masonic Institutions would never have received the support they had. They could not tell what amount of good they had thus been the means of achieving. Would it be drawing too much upon their imagination, when they thought that by their efforts they had relieved broken-hearted widows and mothers; had assisted to further the success of their sons and daughters. The Institution that received these children provided for them a thoroughly sound education and moral teaching. They were not branded with the badge of charity, but were looked upon as the children of one great family. They might also fairly congratulate themselves upon having been able to assist distressed brethren in the decline of their lives. Their success had been marvellous, and he thought that the committee and subscribers deserved the highest encomiums for the way in which the objects of the Association had been carried out. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes, and call upon him to respond for the Charities. The toast having been well received, Bro. Binckes said he felt himself much complimented by having his name associated in connection with the toast. It had been stated—upon whose authority he did not know—that he looked unfavourably upon these Charity Associations, and he had repeatedly to contradict these statements, not only verbally but also in writing. These Associations had been the means of doing a vast deal of good. Large

amounts had been drawn by small sums, and brethren had been enabled to become Life Governors who could not have well spared the necessary ten guineas in one sum. He looked upon these Associations most favourably; they had his best wishes, and it was most gratifying to him to be able to tender his thanks for the assistance the Institution he represented had derived from this and kindred Associations. Our three Masonic Institutions deserved most hearty and indefatigable support from the Craft. He had more especially to plead for our Boys, it was to them that mothers and sisters would have to look for aid and protection. Referring to the late Festival, he said, was not its success a most wonderful one? this showed that Masons were prosperous, in spite of the depression of trade, or, at all events, that they had made up their minds not to allow the Charities to suffer through that depression. Bro. C. Lacey next called upon the brethren to drink to the health and prosperity of their President, Bro. J. G. Stevens, they all loved and esteemed him; personally he had known him for 17 years, and he found that Bro. Stevens had always distinguished himself in any cause he had taken in hand; he felt sure that the cause he had now in hand would reflect a lasting credit on his name, a name that would live even after its owner had passed away. The toast was most enthusiastically drunk, after which Bro. Biggs obliged with a song. The President, on rising to return thanks, alluded in feeling terms to his friendship with Bros. Lacey and Tharp; he had known them for nearly seventeen years, and had ever since been associated with them in Masonic work. The next toast was the health of their worthy Hon. Secretary. The Association mainly owed its success to Bro. Taylor's pertinacity and energy; a great deal of hard work devolved upon him, and the proposer thought that the fact of not one single error having occurred, not a single mistake having been made in drawing for ballots, greatly redounded to his credit. The toast having been drunk, Bro. Hunt sang a comic song. Bro. Taylor then said that his was a labour of love; he wanted nothing for himself, and he trusted that on the winding up of the Association he should be able to give up his office with the consciousness that he had done his duty. The next toast submitted to the brethren by the President was that of Bro. W. A. Tharp, their Vice-President, who was described as a most genial and hard-working brother. The toast was heartily received, after which Bro. Watkins obliged the brethren with a song. Bro. Tharp returned thanks in very happy terms, eulogising the objects of the Association. Bro. Stevens next called upon the brethren to drink the health of Bro. Lacey; he could scarcely find words appropriate in praise of him; he would, however, call upon them to drink to his health and prosperity. The call was responded to enthusiastically, after which Bro. Stevens obliged with a song. Bro. Lacey having responded, the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

### THE CITY MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE third annual meeting of this Association was held on the 24th ult. at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street, when the accounts of the past year were audited, after which the usual business was proceeded with. The Secretary, Bro. Newton, then announced that the receipts of the evening allowed of two Life Governorships to be ballotted for, which fell to the lot of Bros. Coombs and T. F. Harvey. The members present then sat down to a very well served supper supplied in his usual excellent manner by Bro. Maidwell. After supper the Chairman, Bro. S. H. Rawley, announced that the third year of the City Masonic Charitable Association was just completed, and that the auditors, Bros. F. Brown, C. H. Webb, and W. Fraser had rendered their report, which the Chairman said was very satisfactory. The Treasurer, Bro. G. Ward Verry, announced that during the year he had paid the following amounts:—

To Benevolent Institution...	...	...	...	£85	0	0
To Girls' School	...	...	...	58	10	0
To Boys' School	...	...	...	78	15	0
Total	...	...	...	£222	5	0

He also stated that the amount in hand (which was £164) would immediately be paid over to the Secretaries of the Institutions when the successful drawers at the ballot had intimated as to which of the Institutions the amounts standing in their names are to be paid. The utility of these and kindred Associations was the general topic of conversation, and all seemed desirous of starting new ones on the termination of this Association, at the close of the present year. Thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer were very warmly expressed, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close. Present:—Bros. S. H. Rawley President of the Association, C. Lacey Vice-President, G. Ward Verry Treasurer, J. Newton Secretary, F. Brown, W. Fraser, J. S. Fraser, Ellis, C. Webb, Jones, Forss, Maidwell, and W. W. Morgan.

Complaints are made in the present day that good champagne cannot be procured; that the wine we are drinking is inferior to old brands of some dozen years ago. The cause is not difficult of explanation when we remember the demands made on the Champagne growers during the brief era of prosperity. Such was the rush on favourite brands that 1873 vintages were used in 1874 and 1875; and, in fact, every one drank young wines. Messrs. Moët, having a particular fine *cuvée*, determined to take advantage of this rush, and reserved and properly matured a parcel of wine that really does them credit, the "Brut Imperial" now offered being the result.



## NEW ZEALAND.

FROM our Auckland Correspondent we have received a full budget of news by the mail which arrived on 16th ult. We proceed to give the more interesting portions.

**United Service, No. 421 (I.C.)**—The installation service of this Lodge was held on the 27th December. Bro. Goodacre was installed W.M., and he appointed the following Officers—W. S. Suiter S.W., B. Holmes J.W., F. Roycroft I.P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Melton Sec., H. Burns Director of Ceremonies, Hargreaves S.D., J. Syme J.D., McEwan and Evans Stewards, Livingstone Organist, Haslett I.G., and Porter Tyler. At the close of the services a banquet was held. The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very harmonious meeting was carried through in a creditable manner.

**Ara Lodge, No. 348 (I.C.)**—The annual installation of Officers of Ara Lodge, I.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Princes-street, on 6th January, and was conducted with unusual *éclat*. The attendance was very large, every Lodge in the city being represented, as well as several other Lodges, and the following dignitaries of the Order were present—Belonging to Lodge Ara were Bros. Levy W.M., Heather P.M., Rev. Dr. Kidd Chap., S. E. Hughes P.M., W. R. Robinson P.M. The chief Visitors were Bros. G. P. Pierce R.W.P.G.M. I.C., Rev. C. M. Nelson D.G. Chap. E.C., Ruston W.M. 1710 E.C., W. H. Skinner P.M. 1338 E.C., J. Goodacre W.M. Lodge United Service I.C., T. M. Hewson R.W.M. St. Andrew's S.C., F. Roycroft P.M. United Service I.C., T. Cole I.P.M. Lodge Waitemata, W. Lodder D.G.S.W. E.C., J. Hawsell W.M. Waitemata, H. Burns P.M. United Service I.C., F. W. Dawson W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge E.C., Leers D.G. Supt. of Works E.C., and numerous others. Bro. M. M. Levy installed the newly-elected W.M. Bro. E. W. Page, in a very impressive manner, after which the following Officers were invested by the newly-installed Master:—Bros. M. Levy I.P.M., T. E. Durance S.W., I. B. Crothers J.W., W. J. Rees P.M. Treasurer, W. L. Mitchell P.M. Secretary, Rev. Dr. Kidd P.M. Chaplain, Armstrong S.D., Western J.D., Heather P.M. D.C., Kummer and Montague Stewards, P.M. Rees Org., L. Phillips I.G., Porter Tyler. The Lodge and Officers received the congratulations of the various Lodges represented, and the Lodge was closed formally. An adjournment then took place to the banquet. A very choice spread was prepared by Bro. Hood, host of the Masonic Hotel, to which visitors and brethren received a cordial invitation, and most of those present remained. Ample justice was done to the various courses and wines, after which the W.M., who was supported on his right by Bro. Pierce, and on his left by Bro. Levy, called attention, and proposed the toasts of the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, which were duly acknowledged. The S.W. then proposed the toast of the Three Grand Lodges. This was drunk with MacDuff honours. Bro. Levy proposed the "District Grand Lodge of England, and the P.G.L. of Ireland." He was pleased to see representatives of both Constitutions present. The toast was drunk with honours. Bro. Leers responded on behalf of the D.G. Lodge E.C., and Bro. Irving for the P.G. Lodge S.C., each eulogising the hospitality of the Ara Lodge, and commenting on the good feeling which existed amongst the three Constitutions here. The W.M. then rose to propose a toast which he said it afforded him great pleasure to do. It was the health of a brother who was present, who had worked hard for Freemasonry. He had the honour and pleasure of meeting him several times at Masonic banquets, but he had met him still more frequently at those small meetings where the actual work had to be done. He alluded to the R.W.P.G.M. of the Irish Constitution, and he congratulated the Irish Constitution of New Zealand in having such a brother at the head of affairs (Cheers). Hitherto his chief experience had been as an English Mason, but if ever he should become a Scottish Mason, or they should have a Grand Lodge of New Zealand, he hoped there would be such a man as Bro. Pierce at the head of affairs. He called on all present to drink in bumpers the health of the R.W.P. Grand Master. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, amidst Masonic and musical honours. Bro. G. P. Pierce, in responding, thanked them very much for the hearty way in which the toast of his health had been proposed and responded to. He was quite sure that the fact that there were three Grand Lodges here would tend to benefit Masonry, for there were many things which would be considered by the three, now that they were all altogether in the city, and much good would result. As to the P.G. Lodge of Ireland, he could say that the work which had been in arrears was now up to date, thanks to the energetic Secretary, but for whose efforts this would never have been accomplished. He referred to Bro. Rees, who he regretted to notice was absent. He noticed the other day, in a speech delivered at the Working Men's Club, that a Minister of the Crown had said that he was not a Freemason, and that he did not intend to become a Freemason, and that he did not recommend his hearers to join the Freemasons' Society as it was not a benefit society. It was true that the Charity of Freemasons was not of an obtrusive nature. They did their work of charity in silence, and had not their deeds blazoned abroad in the newspapers or in public. But he was also struck with the idea whether they could not in some way show the outside world that they could do something, that they were not a myth, but a reality, and the first step in this direction should be the erection of a Masonic Hall. They had a most advantageous site in their possession, the best perhaps which could be selected in the city, situated on a plateau, and available from all parts of the city, from Parnell, from Ponsonby, and Newton. The thing now was to put a Hall on this site. They should sink all differences, and put their hands in their pockets and say they would build a Hall. If they responded to the circulars issued by Bro. Mitchell, according to their several ability, he was sure the fact would be realised in a very short time. These gatherings showed

practically the necessity for a Hall. There was another way in which they could show to the world their usefulness—the establishment of a scholarship in the Grammar School. This could be done without show or display, but if it were done, it would show the outer world that they were something more than a name. In England they had splendid erections, educational establishments and endowments. Here the Lodge Ara subscribed £15 a year to the St. Stephen's Orphan Home, and they would soon be enabled to claim the right to send an orphan to that Institution. He hoped they would never need in New Zealand an orphan asylum for Masons' children only, but there were always exceptional cases in which it would be an advantage to have this right. There are other ways in which they might show the world they were a reality, and remove the stigma which was sought to be cast on them by the Minister of the Crown referred to; by acting up to their principles, they would show the good of their Institution better than by written volumes or by piles of writings, that Masonry was a reality. Bro. Pierce then proposed the toast of the W.M. and Officers of the Lodge Ara. He congratulated the Lodge on their selection, and commended the working of the Lodge and the progress which it had made. The W.M., on behalf of himself and the other Officers, returned thanks. He thanked the brethren for the high honour conferred on him, and said he would endeavour to hand down the warrant entrusted to him to his successor in as healthy a state as he found it. Brother Robinson P.M. proposed the toast of the Past Officers. Brothers Wilcox and Levy responded. The toast of The Sister Lodges was proposed by Brother Heather P.M., and responded to by representatives of Lodges Waitemata, United Service, Prince of Wales, St. Andrew's, Manukau, and Remuera. The toast of The Visiting Brethren was proposed by the J.W., and responded to by Brother Skinner P.M. A number of other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**Waitemata, No. 689 (E.C.)**—The installation of Officers of Lodge Waitemata, E.C., took place at the Lodge-room, Masonic Hotel, on 16th December. Bro. E. T. Wildman D.D.G.M. officiated as Installing Master, and the following brethren were installed in office:—J. L. Hawsell W.M., who nominated Bro. Fenton S.W., Wright J.W., Waddell S.D., Butler J.D. Bros. Holland and Tierney Stewards, and Porter Tyler. The office of Inner Guard was not filled. The Grand Lodge Officers present were—Bros. Wildman D.D.G.M., J. Warren S.W., Lodder J.W., Moat S.D., and Dr. Goldsbro' Treasurer. After the impressive installation service had concluded, the brethren adjourned to a banquet spread in the hotel by Bro. Hood. The tables were tastefully laid, and amply provided with all the delicacies of the season, in the shape of flesh, fowl, fruit and vegetables, and an unlimited supply of wines and other liquors. It was such a spread as the brethren had good reason to be satisfied with. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M., supported on the right by Bros. Wildman D.D.G.M., Cole I.P.M., Wade D.G. Sec.; on the left were Bros. P.M.'s Lodder, Warren, Moat and Burns. Bro. Fenton S.W. occupied the vice-chair. After the viands were discussed, the chairman proposed the Queen and Craft, and the M.W. the G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. These toasts were loyally responded to. The Vice-Chairman proposed the toast of the District Grand Lodge, coupled with the name of Bro. Wildman, and referred to the advantages which they had found to accrue from a District Grand Lodge, to guide and direct them. The toast was drunk with loud cheers, and Bro. Wildman, on rising to respond, was received with renewed cheering. He said, on behalf of the District grand Lodge he returned them thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been received, and to the proposer he had also to express his thanks for the way in which he had mentioned the services of the District Grand Lodge. The speaker then referred to the duties and functions of the District Grand Lodge, and the desirability of working in harmony. He proposed the toast of the newly-installed W.M., and urged the brethren to support him in his office and the discharge of his duties. Bro. Hawsell returned thanks, and said he would endeavour to carry out the duties of the office for the good of Masonry and Lodge Waitemata to the best of his ability. Bro. Moat proposed the I.P.M. Bro. Cole, and the newly-installed Officers. Bro. Cole and the D.C. responded. The toasts of the sister Lodges I.C. and S.C. were proposed and responded to; also the Ladies, the Press, and the Host and Hostess, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

**St. Andrew Lodge, No. 418 (S.C.)**—The installation of Officers of the Lodge St. Andrew, S.C., took place at the Masonic Lodge-room, Princes-street, on 23rd December. There was a large attendance of the brethren of the Lodge and a number of Visitors, amongst the most distinguished of which were the following:—Bros. W. Grant P.M. 1710 E.C., J. E. Provis P.M. 1710 E.C., Moss Levy W.M. Ara, C. M. Nelson D.G. Chaplain E.C., J. Rees P.G. Sec. I.C., H. G. Wade G. Sec. E.C., G. M. Mitford P.M., M. S. Leers P.M. P.G. Director of Works, M. Niccol W.M. Manukau and P.M. of St. Andrew, Dawson W.M. Prince of Wales, W. Rees George W.M. Remuera, A. Brock P.M., Major-General Gossett and others. Bro. M. Niccol officiated as Installing Officer, and the ceremonies were carried through in a most impressive manner. The following Officers for the ensuing year were installed:—Bros. F. M. Hewson R.W.M., T. Wilson D.M., E. B. Dickson S.M., J. Marshall S.W., Jas. McEwen J.W., W. C. Walker P.M. Treas., G. Payne Sec., M. Gallagher S.D., J. Hughes J.D., R. F. Gould Chap., Neil Mc Closky Bible-bearer, J. Sator S. Steward, H. A. H. Hitchens J. Steward, A. R. Greenway I.G., A. Webby Sword Bearer, C. Porter Tyler. Immediately after the installation, the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the large dining-room of the Masonic Hotel. The spread—a cold one—was laid in good taste, and the cool, refreshing fruits, &c. were heartily enjoyed. The newly installed R.W.M. occupied the chair. He was supported on his right by Bro. Walker I.P.M., Bro. Wade P.M., and Bro. Rev. C. M. Nelson P.M., and on the

left by Bro. P.M. Niccol and the Rev. Bro. Gould. The toasts of the Queen and Craft, the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family, were proposed from the chair, after which the W.M. proposed the toast of the Sister Grand Lodges. Bro. C. M. Nelson proposed the toast of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, and referred to the good which had been accomplished by the Lodge since it was inaugurated. He felt certain, from the Officers, that the business of the Constitution would be faithfully carried out. He felt honoured on being called on to propose the toast. During the time he had been connected with Masonry he had been treated with the utmost consideration by the Scottish Lodges. Bro. Dickson responded. Bro. G. M. Mitford proposed the toast of the District Grand Lodge E.C. Bro. Wade responded, referring to the excellent terms in which the P.G. Lodges existed towards each other, and the fraternity of feeling which prevailed. The other District and Provincial Grand Lodges were proposed, and cordially responded to. Bro. Walker then proposed the toast of the Newly Installed Master, and paid a high tribute to his ability and assiduity. He alluded to his long experience; to the interest he had taken in the Craft; to the fraternal spirit he had shown as a visitor at sister Lodges, and to his other good qualities, concluding as follows:—He is a good man, a good friend, and a good Mason. These are the three best qualities that can be given a man. A good man is sure to be a good friend; a good friend is almost sure to be a good Mason, and a good Mason is bound to be a true servant of the Great Architect of the Universe. The chairman responded. He hoped they would bear with any shortcomings that might be apparent, feeling, as he did, great diffidence in taking office after Bro. Walker. He thanked them, however, for the manner in which they had responded to the toast. Bro. Geo. Rees proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master, referring in eulogistic terms to Bro. Walker's conduct as Master, and his enterprising spirit in this and other affairs. The speaker referred at some length to his experience with Bro. Walker in the Maori war. Bro. Walker briefly responded. He would continue the efforts he had made for the advancement of St. Andrew Lodge and Masonry generally, but these efforts would not be required now as they had been. The Lodge was in a prosperous state, and they had the prospect of having the ablest Master in New Zealand. The health of the Installing Master and other toasts, were proposed and responded to, after which the meeting assumed a convivial turn.

**Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338 (E.C.)**—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on 2nd January, on the proposition of Bro. M. S. Lers P.M. (President of the Board of General Purposes for the P.G. Lodge of Auckland) Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. Eboracum Lodge 1611 (York, England) was elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The Prince of Wales Lodge has suffered a severe loss in the early death of Bro. W. H. Kissling P.M., one of the most popular of Masons, worthy of citizens and genial of friends, who died of a sharp attack of typhoid fever. The *New Zealand Herald* of 7th January gives the following account of the funeral, which was conducted with Masonic honours: The remains of Bro. Kissling were buried yesterday in St. Stephen's Churchyard, Taurarna (Judge's Bay), the attendance being one of the largest assemblies we have seen on any similar occasion. Bro. Kissling, it will be remembered, was for a long time a member of the Harbour Board, for some time of the County Council of Eden, and had he pleased, his ability and influence might have elevated him even to a higher representative capacity. He was also a member of the Masonic Craft, and the brotherhood had announced their intention to attend the funeral, by the following order:—"District Grand Lodge, E.C.—The Officers of the District Grand Lodge and the brethren of the various Lodges of this Constitution are hereby summoned to attend the funeral of our late Brother W. H. Kissling, District Grand Registrar and P.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338." The Freemasons, in regalia (covered with crape), assembled at the Alexandra Hotel at 4 o'clock, and walked in procession from that place to the late residence of the deceased. Meanwhile, the members of the several public bodies were assembling in carriages in front of the house. The chairmen and members of the Harbour Board were present in a body, without a single exception. The legal profession may be said to have been represented by Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Hesketh, Mr. MacCormick, Mr. Mackechnie, Mr. H. H. Lusk, although there were several other members of the Bar present in carriages. Messrs. Buchanan, Hay, and other members of the City Council were also at the funeral. The funeral cortege, as it passed down Avenue-road, was of a most striking and solemn character. The chief mourners were Mr. Schwartz Kissling, Mr. Theophilus Kissling, Mr. Frederick Kissling, and Colonel Haultain. The Masonic brethren paid especial honour to the deceased brother, an office-holder in the District Grand Lodge of England, by mustering in very large force, about 150 being present in the procession, although numbers must have attended at great personal inconvenience. The District Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Lodder S.W., in absence of Bro. Graham D.G.M., and Bro. Wildman D.D.G.M. On behalf of his Masonic brethren, Bros. Dawson and Skinner, of his own Constitution, Bro. G. P. Pierce P.G.M., Irish Constitution; and Bro. M. Niccol, as representing the Scotch Constitution, acted with Messrs. E. Hesketh and J. Alexander, solicitors, as pall-bearers. The hearse was met at the churchyard by the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, the Venerable Archdeacon Maunsell, and the Rev. C. M. Nelson in his capacity of Masonic Chaplain. The body was carried to its last resting place. Archdeacon Maunsell read the impressive funeral service prescribed by the Church of England. The Rev. C. M. Nelson read the Masonic form of prayer, and the coffin was lowered into the grave. There is nothing to be added to the notice already published of the claims of this young gentleman to the remembrance of friends and neighbours. The flags of many of the ships in harbour, and of the houses of business in town and Parnell were half-mast high. The poor of his district will greatly miss him, for to them he was ever a generous friend. Bro. Kissling was in the enjoyment of a large practice as a solicitor, and all the members of his family hold leading positions in Auckland and

the Colony. He was W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge 1338, the leading Lodge in the Colony under the English Constitution for two years in succession—1873 and 1874, and upon the establishment of a District Grand Lodge for Auckland received the appointment of D.G. Registrar, which he held until his death.

**Manukau Lodge (S.C.)**—The installation of Officers of this young Lodge was held on 18th December, at the Masonic Hall, Onehunga. A considerable number of Auckland brethren, who were invited, proceeded to the hall by a 'bus, which left town at 6.30 p.m., and there was a full attendance of the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. M. Niccol officiated as Installing Master, and the following principal Officers, who had been previously elected, were duly installed. Bros. M. Niccol re-elected R.W.M., W. C. Walker D.M., J. J. Waller S.M., W. Dunwoodie S.W., Clark J.W., Rev. F. Gould Chaplain, Codlin Treasurer. The Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacons, Bible Bearer, Inner Guard, and Tyler were also invested. A banquet was held afterwards. The brethren sat down to an excellently laid and plentifully supplied dinner. The usual Loyal, Patriotic and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, and a very pleasant evening's enjoyment, diversified by songs and musical selections, was spent, the whole breaking up after the brethren had joined hands in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

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## THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—In the "Analysis of the Subscription List of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," which appeared in your last week's number, after a by no means complimentary allusion to the Province of North and East Yorkshire by reason of its apparent lack of support of our Charitable Institutions, I notice the following remarks having especial reference to the "York" Lodge, "the senior (i.e. the York Lodge) can find time and means for making a fuss over its centenary, and receiving American Knight Templar Pilgrims, but appears to be indifferent to the claims of our Charities on all English Masons."

With regard to the Province (as such), I have long been of opinion that it has not done its fair share in contributing to the Masonic Charities, and therefore shall not attempt to justify it. I will merely observe that no one would be more pleased than myself to see it take its proper position in supporting those Institutions, and I wish the movement now in contemplation, with that object in view, every success.

My present intention is to state the facts so far as concerns the York Lodge in order that your analyst and your readers may see that the Lodge has not been quite indifferent (as the former supposes) to the claims of our Charities, but before doing so, I may perhaps be allowed to say that any Lodge may be excused making a "fuss" over an event which happens once in a hundred years, seeing that the brethren who were present can scarcely expect to live to celebrate another centenary. The reception of the American Knight Templar Pilgrims, however, is not amongst the shortcomings of the senior Lodge at York, the credit (or otherwise) of that reception being due to the junior Lodge.

I now proceed to the more important charge against the York Lodge, viz., its indifference to the claims of our Charities. I suppose it will be admitted that a Lodge may be charitable, to some extent, without making a "fuss" over it, or in other words, without sending a Steward with a big list to the Anniversary Festivals. In looking over the books of the Lodge, I find that from 1873 to the end of 1878, the Lodge remitted to the Masonic Charities £115 11s; nor, it is true, a large amount, but sufficient to show that it has not been wholly forgetful of that virtue which is said to characterise Freemasons. Probably it might also be found, on enquiry, that other Lodges in the Province have contributed to the Charities in a similar manner, although unrepresented at the Festivals. At all events, if the twenty odd Lodges you refer to contributed the same amount, a respectable total would be the result.

I do not wish it to be understood that I consider the amount so contributed by the York Lodge to be an adequate one, but there has for many years been a special reason why the same has not been as large as it probably ought to have been, viz., a heavy debt on the Masonic Hall, which, I am happy to say, has just been liquidated by the efforts of the brethren of the senior Lodge at York. Permit me, in conclusion, to observe that it is scarcely fair to assume that because a Lodge is unrepresented at the Anniversary Festivals it is of necessity indifferent to the claims of the Charities, and that I very much doubt whether the strong remarks contained in your "Analysis" (which partakes too much of the schoolmaster) are at all calculated to induce brethren to exert themselves on behalf of those Institutions.

If brethren do not of themselves feel sufficient interest in the Charities to give them that support to which they are entitled, no amount of lecturing will, in my opinion, be of any avail.

Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH TODD P.M.

Treasurer No. 236.

York, 25th February 1879.

## THE LATE FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In your remarks upon the recent Festival in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whilst you notice the fact of no Steward having been sent, as usual, by our "York" Lodge, 236, you still give that Lodge credit for entertaining the American Pilgrims.

Allow me to assure you that the entire matter was undertaken, and the whole of the expense borne by the Eboracum Lodge and the Ancient Ebor Encampment of K.T.

236 did not contribute one iota to the entertainment of our brethren from over the water.

Yours fraternally,

ALFRED T. B. TURNER.

Eboracum Lodge 1611, and Ancient Ebor Encampment K.T., York.

## SUPPORT OF OUR CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was much surprised, after reading in your last issue your comments on the way in which the "Bucks" brethren support our Masonic Charities to receive an application for my votes from that county on behalf of a case for the Boys' School, this shows, that although they will not support the Institutions they are not above receiving their advantages! Is this worthy conduct?

Yours fraternally,

A LIFE GOVERNOR.

## NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE AND THE CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your remarks under this head on the 22nd February, have been thoroughly appreciated by several brethren, who, like myself, have the pleasure and privilege of visiting Lodges in both the Yorkshire Provinces. I know that the Deputy Prov. G. Master of North and East Yorkshire has, for a long time, been anxious that every Lodge in that Province should adopt some plan by means of which the Charities should receive regular and constant support, but I fear that his suggestions for that end have not been generally adopted. Probably, very few young Lodges in the Provinces have done as much for the Charities, in the same brief period as the Eboracum Lodge at York, of which body you have very properly spoken in terms of praise. I have been an invited guest of that Lodge on more than one occasion, and have been delighted to notice the zeal for the welfare, not only of the Lodge itself, but of Masonry in general, and the Masonic Charities, exhibited by its members one and all. Its working, too, is equal to any, and superior to most Provincial Lodges. Perhaps you will allow me, as a guest of that Lodge on the occasion of the reception of the American Pilgrims at York last year, to correct a slight error into which you have fallen. The "Pilgrims" were entertained by the Eboracum Lodge and by the Ancient Ebor Preceptory of Knight Templars, and not by the York Lodge, as you suppose, the latter body having given the Transatlantic visitors the cold shoulder, and refused to join in the reception. Hospitality is, after all, only one branch of charity, and you will generally find the two go hand in hand. The hospitality of the Eboracum Lodge has never, however, stood in the way of its charity.

I am, yours fraternally,

AN HONORARY MEMBER OF SEVERAL LODGES.

York, 25th February 1879.

## THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—You no doubt know the Farce "Box and Cox," and may remember that the lodger, Box, found fault with his landlady, "Bouncer," for using a word out of place, and recommended her to apply to a dictionary to discover its meaning. I would advise the same course to be pursued by your correspondent "FORTE." Let him turn to the letter "R," and he will find the word "recommend," verb active, "to commend to another's notice" &c., &c., and that is what Bro. Tisley and myself have done, not necessarily to give them our votes, but that we know such and such a case is worthy of support from our personal knowledge, and none but those adverse to our Association, or ignorant of the true meaning of words they use, could construe it otherwise. Again, "FORTE" apparently measures other people's corn with his bushel, for he evidently knows the way he would manipulate the votes if he had them in his power; but let me assure "FORTE," that not only Bro. Tisley, but the members of the Committee, are Masons, not in name only, but in act. With regard to myself; let your correspondent give his true name, and show what he has done for the Masonic Charities, before he takes upon himself to rebuke you for inserting, or me for asking the insertion of the addresses of the three London candidates about to lead the forlorn hope, and I trust successfully plant their banners on the walls of our Institution.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES J. PERCEVAL,

8 Thurlow-place, 27th February 1879.

## AMERICAN KNIGHT TEMPLAR PILGRIMS VISIT TO YORK.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your analysis of the Lists sent up to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival on the 12th inst., after referring to the poor contributions from the province of North and East Yorkshire to the various Masonic Charities, and after paying a well-deserved compliment to the "Junior" Lodge at York (the Eboracum 1611), which has sent up over £133 since its Constitution in August 1876, you go on to say, with reference to the York Lodge 236, the "Senior" can find time and means for making a fuss over its centenary and receiving "The American Knight Templar Pilgrims, but appears indifferent to the claims of our Charities on all English Masons."

Now, with reference to the visit of the American Knight Templar Pilgrims to York, I believe I am correct in saying that the York Lodge 236 did not spend one penny in either their reception or entertainment, but, on the contrary, they declined to do so, considering there was no necessity for it. The members of the "Eboracum" 1611 did entertain them and their ladies at luncheon, and in the evening the Knights Templar of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, York, gave them a grand banquet, at which ladies were present.

I think, in justice to the members of the Eboracum Lodge and the Ebor Preceptory, this correction ought to be made, and I shall be glad if you can find space for this letter in your next issue.

Yours fraternally, K.T.

## PROVINCE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your Analysis of the Subscription List of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, you refer to West Yorkshire, as having missed being represented once at the Girls' Festival during 1875-6-7-8, and say that you were under the impression it had been represented at all the twelve Festivals. I enclose you a tabular statement of amounts contributed to the various Institutions from which you will see that W. Yorkshire has contributed near £1,000 more during that period than you give credit for, and that your impression was correct that it has been represented at every Festival.

		Benevolent	Boys	Girls	Total
1874	...	198 10 0	425 0 0	346 10 0	970 0 0
1875	...	410 7 0	815 1 0	589 1 0	1,814 9 0
1876	...	585 15 0	351 15 0	671 1 0	1,608 11 0
1877	...	695 11 0	587 4 0	848 10 0	2,131 5 0
1878	...	766 11 0	504 0 0	848 0 0	2,118 11 0
1879	...	550 0 0			
		3,038 4 0	2,258 0 0	2,956 12 0	£8,252 16 0

The total amount contributed by W. Yorkshire for the four years in question is £8,252 16s.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JOHN WORDSWORTH,

Vice-Chairman County Committee West Yorkshire.

Oakenshaw, Wakefield, 26th February 1879.

[We print Bro. Wordsworth's figures as he sent them, but we fail to see how he can include the £550 for 1879 in the total received in the "four" years.—EDITOR FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

## THE LATE BRO. BOTLY.

The remains of Bro. Botly were interred on Monday last. The deceased gentleman was held in high esteem in the town of Reading, and as a mark of respect most of the neighbours partially closed their shops or drew their blinds down on the occasion of the funeral. The deceased in his life-time was a leading member of the Union Lodge of Freemasons. He had passed through every office of the Craft in connection with the Lodge, and as a tribute to his memory his Brother Masons attended his funeral obsequies. The procession started from the house of the deceased at a quarter past one, and the body was met at the Cemetery gates by about thirty members of the Masonic Craft, each wearing a sprig of acacia. The funeral ceremony was read by the vicar of St. Mary's—the Rev. N. S. Garry. The pall bearers were Bros. Baker, Oades, A. Welch, and Moxhay. Bro. Botly was one of the oldest members of the Province of Berks and Bucks, P.P.G.S.W., and Treasurer for upwards of twenty years of the Lodge of Union 414. Among the Freemasons present were—of Lodge 414, Bros. R. Bradley P.M. P.G. Secretary Berks and Bucks, C. Stephens J.W., J. M. Withers Secretary, Baker I.P.M., Strachan P.M., Pocock P.M., Hounslow P.M., Yetts P.M., C. Smith P.M., J. Old P.M., J. Morris P.M., Stallwood P.M., Ferguson J.D., Butler W.S., Leaver, Sydenham, Higgs, C. Ayres, of Lodge 1101—Bros Welch I.P.M., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Secretary, Margrett P.M., Dowsett J.D., F. W. White, Scammell. The W.M. was unavoidably absent.

In the report of the Tranquillity Lodge which we inserted last week, reference was made to the serious illness of Bro. John Peartree P.M. and Treasurer; we regret to announce that Bro. Peartree's illness terminated fatally on Monday morning. While we mourn his death there are hundreds of the recipients of his bounty who will feel more acutely the loss they have sustained. His whole life was devoted to acts of benevolence.

## CRYPTIC DEGREES.

A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic Rooms, No. 2 Red Lion-square, on Friday, 21st February. Present:—Bros. Rev. G. R. Portal M.P.G.M., Hyde Pullen R.P.G.C. of W., Frederic Davison R.P.G. Treasurer, Thos. C. Walls as thrice Ill. M., H. R. Cooper Smith Ill. P.C. of W., Donald M. Dewar Recorder, R. L. Loveland, Raymond H. Thrupp, R. G. Glover, and Robert Berridge. After the Council was opened in ancient form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bros. the Rev. Thos. W. Lemon, Thomas Poore, Robert Roy, Chas. T. Pearce, H. F. Partridge, and Edward Letchworth, who had been regularly approved, were introduced and received the various degrees of Most Excellent, Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Master, the ceremony being performed by Bro. T. C. Walls, in a most excellent manner, ably assisted by Bro. Hyde Pullen. As a mark of his appreciation, the M.P.G.M. afterwards appointed Bro. Walls R. Ill. Dep. Master of Council No. 1. A resolution was agreed to that the annual subscription to this Council should be 10s. All business being ended, the Council was closed, and adjourned to Wednesday, the 2nd of April.

## PORTRAITURE BY ARTIFICIAL LIGHT.

THE rapid strides made during the past few years in photography has removed, to a great extent, the feeling of surprise which might be expected when any new discovery in connection with that art is announced. So far, the greatest drawback to those who were engaged in its pursuit, either as a source of pleasure or business, has been the effect the weather has upon their operations, it being necessary, in many cases, to suspend all exertions in consequence of a cloudy or foggy day. To obviate this difficulty, many of our most scientific men have devoted a great part of their time without at present having achieved anything which has been universally adopted as a substitute for the solar rays. The question of making use of the Electric Light has been settled as possible, but until that light can be produced at a much less cost than is at present the case, it is practically shut out from every day use. It is, therefore, necessary that some other means be found to overcome the difficulty, and this, according to Messrs. Alder and Clarke, of 13 and 14 Pall Mall East, London, has been accomplished, by their "Patent Laxograph Apparatus," which, by a judicious arrangement of coloured light, transmitted through carefully prepared blue glass, produces all the actinism of the solar rays; this is afterwards concentrated and reflected by a large drum-shaped mirror, the result being a beautiful violet coloured light, pleasant to the sitter and perfectly effective as a substitute for the sun. On a recent occasion we saw several portraits taken, during the evening, which for softness and fidelity in the minutest details were equal to those taken by sunlight. The instrument necessary is not an expensive one, and can be used in any room, thus obviating the necessity of ascending the numerous stairs which generally have to be mounted, much to the discomfort of the visitor; and by its use photographs may be taken at any time of the night, with as much certainty as in the brightest day of summer.

The Stewards of the recent Festival in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their final meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday. The President of the Board, Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, occupied the chair. Various matters of detail, including the passing of accounts were disposed of. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie for presiding, to Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford for fulfilling the duties of President, and to Bro. T. Cubitt Treasurer, and Bro. J. Terry Hon. Secretary of the Board of Stewards. The balance shown by the accounts was disposed of by the purchase of Life Governorships for the President and Treasurer of the Board, a gift to the collector and clerk in the Secretary's office, and a well-merited honorarium to Bro. Terry the Secretary of the Institution.

The total which has been announced as the result of this Festival, now amounts to £14,364 17s 6d. The lists received since those given in our previous issues being as follow:—

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Chapter No. 142, "Comp. H. C. Levander	...	...	29	8	0
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" 1,397, "Bro. R. Inglis	...	...	28	7	0
" "Bro. Denis Towers	...	...	26	5	0

In our present issue appears an announcement that Bro. Henry Murray, Past District Grand Master, &c. for China, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master for Warwickshire and Staffordshire, will give a recital of "Othello," at Birmingham, under influential Masonic patronage. Bro. Murray is gifted with great dramatic and

eloquutionary powers; and his impressive performance of Masonic ceremonies has invariably excited the utmost admiration. His family was long connected with the stage. His grandfather, Mr. Charles Murray, was a comedian, much esteemed at Covent Garden seventy years ago. His aunt, Mrs. Henry Siddons, and his father, Bro. William Murray, were the celebrated artists who, for upwards of forty years, made the Edinburgh Theatre a famous school of acting. Readers of "Waverley" will recall Sir Walter Scott's allusion, in that novel, to Mrs. Henry Siddons and Bro. William Murray as *Viola* and *Sebastian* in the comedy of "Twelfth Night." The Theatre Royal Edinburgh was visited in great Masonic state by the Earl (afterwards Marquis) of Dalhousie, when Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Bro. Murray's great grandfather was a member of the Craft, and, as far back as the third decade of the eighteenth century, actively promoted the spread of Freemasonry upon the continent of Europe.

We take the earliest opportunity of correcting, and expressing our regret for, an error which occurred last week in our Analysis of the Subscription List at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We said that West Yorkshire had been represented at twelve out of the last thirteen Festivals, having been absent from that of the Girls' School in 1876. The article was written with the lists before us of all the thirteen Festivals as published in this journal, and certainly in that for the Girls' in 1876 there was no return from the Province in question, as will be seen on reference to No. 111, dated 13th May 1876, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. We had, however, overlooked the fact that the omission of West Yorkshire from that list was purely an accident, and that it in fact contributed on that occasion, by the hands of its G. Master and thirty-five other Stewards, the very handsome sum of £707 16s. Thus, West Yorkshire has contributed £3,028 (in round figures) to the Girls', instead of £2,320 as we stated last week. This makes the total of its contributions to the last thirteen Festivals £7,970, instead of £7,262, and raises its average per Festival from £605 to £613. We trust this instant rectification of an error into which we were betrayed by an omission, for which we were not primarily responsible, will prove acceptable to our West Yorkshire brethren.

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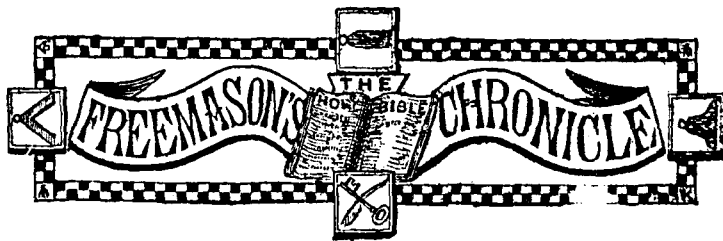
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## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th March 1879.

1. The Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of Public Business will be read.
2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th December 1878 will be read and put for confirmation.
3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
5. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:—

The five Orphans of a Brother of the Clapton Lodge, No. 1365, Clapton ... .. £100 0 0

A Brother of the Bolvidere Lodge, No. 503, Maidstone ... .. 100 0 0

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A Brother of the Barnard Lodge, No. 1230, Barnard Castle ... .. 50 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, London ... .. 50 0 0

A Brother of the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend ... .. 100 0 0

A Brother of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham ... .. 100 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, London ... .. 100 0 0

NOTE.—A Grant of £100 was made to this Brother on the 4th of December 1878, which lapsed, in consequence of his death, on the 24th of December, before confirmation of the Grant by Grand Lodge.

The Widow of a Brother of the Ranelagh Lodge, No. 831, London ... .. 75 0 0

A Brother of the Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury ... .. 75 0 0

## 6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England of £7,828 16s 1d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed)

JOHN B. MONCKTON,

President.

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7. Report of Bro. R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of Receipts and Disbursements during the year 1878.

8. Appeal and Protest of Brother George John Ryan, District Grand Senior Warden of the Argentine Republic, against the action of the District Grand Lodge in repealing some of the Bye-laws, against the wishes of the District Grand Master, and contrary to the provisions of the Treaty entered into between the Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic and the Grand Lodge of England, authorising the establishment of a District Grand Lodge at Buenos Ayres, under the English Constitution.

9. Notice of motion by Bro. John M. Clabou, P.G.D., President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

"That the Grand Lodge desire most respectfully to express the deep sympathy which they feel at the loss sustained by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and by His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family, by the death of Her Royal Highness, the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt.

The Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction has been closed for some time, in consequence of extensive alterations in the Lodge Room; it will be re-opened the first Thursday in March. Bros. Stuart P.M. and Ball Preceptors.



## SOIREE OF THE CALEDONIAN LODGE, No. 204.

THE monthly meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 12th inst. Present—Bros. John Roberts W.M., R. A. Eldershaw I.P.M., G. T. Mullock S.W., William Bagnall J.W., R. L. Spencer Secretary, J. C. Hind Treasurer, John Sutcliffe J.D., C. Duckworth as I.G., J. Sly Tyler; Bros. J. Battye, H. Paulden, B. Taylor, J. Cliff, &c. S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Visitor. The minutes of last meeting having been read and ratified, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Cliff; it proved unanimous, and that gentleman was initiated into Freemasonry by the I.P.M., Bro. R. A. Eldershaw. The Lodge was advanced, and the W.M., Bro. John Roberts, passed Bros. Henry Paulden and Benjamin Taylor. Both the initiation and passings were done in an able manner. The Lodge was now resumed, and duly closed with solemn prayer. The brethren now hastened to prepare for the important event of the evening, viz.:—the Soirée. At about 8.30 the guests of the Lodge rapidly arrived, and by 9 p.m. the Ball-room was well filled. The brethren had secured the spacious banquetting-hall for the occasion; it was tastefully and appropriately decorated, with symbols of the Craft, &c. The musical arrangements were under the directorship of Bro. J. H. Greenwood, who personally attended, and during the evening gave his highly amusing vocal sketch of "the Wild Beast Show;" later on, the same brother favoured the company with "My Wife's Relations," much to its enjoyment. The dancing was briskly kept up until the hour for supper, 10.30, when the ladies and guests were escorted to the Lodge-room, which by this time had undergone a complete change. Tables had been laid the entire length of the room; these were spread with the choicest delicacies of the season, and were resplendent with choice exotics. It was a pretty and novel sight to see so many charming ladies in a place where men alone are wont to assemble; the fair sex looked like so many sweet flowers, enriching the desert air. The banquet was approached with due observance of ancient rite, and every one seemed delighted, as everything was a complete success. Bro. R. A. Eldershaw I.P.M. ably carried out the programme, as Master of Ceremonies. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Clay P.M., as the oldest P.M. present, proposed, in as brief a manner as was consistent, the health of the W.M., in doing so said, he never had the chance, the good fortune, or the courage to assemble such a gathering as graced the Masonic Hall that night. The presence of so brilliant a gathering was a sure indication of the high esteem in which the W. Master is so justly held. He therefore called upon the brethren to drink to his good health and prosperity; this was done with musical honours—and three times three. The W.M. returned thanks for the presence of all who had honoured him and the Lodge that night, and for the enthusiastic reception given the toast so kindly proposed by Bro. Clay. He assured all present, he loved the Craft, and from the day of his initiation he had resolved to acquire, if possible, the high post he had the honour to fill that evening. He held that to aspire to, and attain the chair of K.S., were two different things; but he assured his brethren that reward would inevitably follow merit in the Craft. He hoped the present auspicious and successful event would stimulate those who might follow him, to continue these happy festivities, in which the ladies could join their husbands, their brothers and their sweethearts; he promised them, all being well, a reunion in the merry summer months, when the days would be longer. The remarks of the worthy Brother were greeted with frequent applause, and evidently pleased all. Bro. Clay was entrusted with the gavel to propose the toast of the evening—the Ladies. To their graceful presence the brethren were indebted for the success of the soirée, without them we should be nowhere. The idea was fast gaining ground that if the ladies were permitted to know as much of our Order as was consistent, and were invited to participate more in such happy gatherings as this, the Craft would be strengthened, and its interests greatly enhanced. With their acquiescence and support we should be happier men; with the toast he would unite the name of the I.P.M., and asked the brethren and gentlemen to drink heartily to the toast, which was done most loyally. Bro. Eldershaw then, on behalf of the ladies, replied for the honour done him in associating his name with the toast. By permission of the W.M., the I.P.M. proposed the health of Bro. Robbards, which was cordially drunk, and Bro. Robbards briefly responded; he did not feel disposed to inflict a speech on the ladies, who were eager to reassemble in the ball-room. The health of the Stewards was proposed and heartily drunk, and the S.W. returned thanks on their behalf. By command of the W.M. the dancing was resumed, and was kept up, with little intermission, until after 4 a.m. In the fore part of the evening Craft clothing was worn by the brethren, and after banquet Royal Arch was worn by the Companions present;—by special dispensation. There were present, the Worshipful Master, with Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts, Mr. J. E. and Mrs. Roberts, Bro. R. A. Eldershaw I.P.M. and Mrs. Eldershaw, Bro. Pritchard P.M. 58 and Mrs. Pritchard, Bros. Sutcliffe, Percival and Cliffe, Bro. H. T. Robbards P.M. 993 and Miss Robbards, Bro. and Mrs. Duckworth, Bro. and Mrs. Bagnall, Bro. and Mrs. Akestoridi, Bro. and Mrs. Derden, Bro. J. 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## CAPPER LODGE, 1076.

THE members of this Lodge met at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on the 13th February. This was the first meeting of the Lodge at its new quarters. The change was owing to the extensive structural alterations in progress at the old home at Tidal Basin, which made it necessary to seek another place of meeting. The W.M. Bro. Francis Brien was supported by Bros. P. McCarthy S.W., H. Tapley J.W., B. Brayshaw P.M. Treasurer, J. Mitchell Hon. Sec., J. T. K. Job S.D., W. Dorton J.D., W. Nevins I.G., M. Sherwin Organist, A. R. Mason D.C., R. Brown and W. Harris Stewards, and Norman Tyler. There were also present:—Bros. P.M.'s E. West as I.P.M., J. Gaskell, H. B. Holliday, T. G. Day, J. Dorton, and many brethren. Lodge was duly opened with prayer and the minutes were confirmed, having undergone some discussion concerning the arrangements for admission of members. The W.M. then entrusted Bro. Johnson, and subsequently raised him to the degree of M.M., with able assistance of his Officers, after which Mr. Sykes was initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The whole of the work was most creditably performed. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren did ample justice to a well served supper. On the cloth being removed the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Craft toasts, in sharp business-like manner, each toast being heartily received. Bro. P.M. West, in proposing the health of the W.M. expressed the honour he felt in proposing that toast. He was sure they all, like himself, felt proud of their W.M., for the manner in which he had performed the duties of the Lodge and at the table. While he continued to perform his duties in so able a manner the brethren must be gratified, and would feel sure the Lodge was safely entrusted to his hands. The W.M. thanked Bro. West and the brethren for proposing and receiving the toast in such a hearty manner. Bro. West had said if he continued to discharge his duties as they were done that evening, &c., but he could assure them of his intention to do them no worse, and as much better as possible. "The Initiate" being next given, was heartily received, and Bro. Sykes briefly thanked the brethren for admitting him into the Order. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, offering a hearty welcome to each, and called upon Bros. West P.M. and J. A. Thomas to reply. Bro. Jolly having given a humorous recitation, Bro. West thanked the brethren for the reception he had experienced. He had been very much gratified with the working; this being his first visit, he hoped to have the pleasure of repeating it. Bro. J. A. Thomas expressed the pleasure he derived in visiting them that evening. Having been to their Lodge once previously, he congratulated them upon taking up their present quarters; his own Lodge was also located there. He trusted to see them again, as he was sure their working was really good. Bro. Stephens favoured the brethren with a recitation. In proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, Bro. Brien alluded in feeling terms to the domestic affliction which prevented Bro. White I.P.M. from being with them. He had received a telegram from Bro. White, stating that on account of the illness of his children he was unable to attend. The W.M. was sure they would all sympathise with their I.P.M. He also regretted his absence for another reason. Only yesterday Bro. White had paid fifty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, thereby entitling them to a Vice Presidency, and he could have told them much of the Festival, had he been present. However, the array of P.M.'s before them was sufficient to make the Lodge proud of that body; he also had to acknowledge the assistance rendered him in the performance of his duties. Bro. West suitably replied, and the toast of the Masonic Press was proposed, the W.M. expressing his indebtedness to the press for the reports of the Lodge proceedings. They were favoured with the presence of Bros. Jolly and Stephens, both of whom all were glad to welcome; he called upon them to reply. Bro. C. Jolly thanked the brethren for the cordial reception he had experienced, and expressed the hope that the brethren were as pleased with him as he was with them. Bro. G. H. Stephens also thanked the W.M. for his hearty welcome, and for making a special toast of the Masonic Press—and bearing testimony to its value. He claimed for it the support of the brethren, that the work it so ably performed might be extended. By the agency of the press reports of our meetings were carried over the entire globe, enabling absent brethren to read with pleasure what was being done at home; but the most important work to Freemasons was the service rendered by the Masonic press to our noble Institutions, which alone justified the esteem in which it was held by the Craft. The Officers were next given, the W.M. complimenting them for their efficient assistance; to the Secretary he especially tendered his thanks, not only for valuable assistance in the removal of the Lodge, but for his having at all times done good service to the Lodge, thus assisted in bringing it to its present prosperous state. Bro. S.W. and Bro. Mitchell having replied, the Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close. The proceedings were most enjoyable and augur well for the future of this Lodge.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 26th inst. There were present—Bros. P. V. Denham W.M., A. B. Blackmore S.W., J. Frost J.W., W. J. Huntley S.D., W. F. Wardroper J.D., F. Reed I.G., C. Digby, W. A. Morgan, J. G. Carter, H. R. Jones, A. Newens, A. Mason, W. Marshall, and A. A. Denham. The Lodge being opened, Bro. Newens offered himself as candidate for the first degree, which ceremony was worked. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. A. Morgan (the W.M. of No. 1044), who worked the second degree, Bro. Newens again being the candidate. The brethren afterwards proceeded to discuss a motion of Bro. J. G. Carter—"That the evenings of meeting be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday." This was carried unanimously. Bro. W. F. Wardroper proposed, Bro. W. J. Hunkey seconded, and it was carried *nem con*—"That the time for meeting be 7.30, instead of eight o'clock as heretofore." Bro. Blackmore was appointed the W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

## SATURDAY, 1st MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 1.  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 1572—Carburyon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1223—Anherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 3rd MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 190—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 9. (Instruction.)  
 1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1459—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 M. M. 139—Pannure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.  
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
 119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.  
 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.  
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.  
 341—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.  
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.  
 408—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.  
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.  
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.  
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.  
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.  
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
 631—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.  
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 1045—Stanford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
 1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.  
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.  
 1189—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.  
 1214—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
 1239—Westworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1261—Septima, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1292—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
 1329—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.  
 1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.  
 1542—Legiolinn, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Cae-street, Swansea.  
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.  
 1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl.  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.  
 R. A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.  
 R. A. 527—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.  
 R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tainbridge Wells.

## TUESDAY, 4th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 217—Stability, Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 860—Dalkonsie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.  
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.  
 1293—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.  
 1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)  
 1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.  
 R. A. 1366—Clayton, White Hart Tavern, Clayton, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 120—Felladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Byst, Durham.  
 159—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.  
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.  
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 245—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
 393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berrwick-on-Tweed.  
 432—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.  
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 683—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.  
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Strand, Gloucestershire.  
 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 826—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 897—Loyalty, Fleeco Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool.  
 923—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.  
 943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linsdale, Leighton Buzzard.  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.  
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockerham.  
 1131—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
 1211—Scarbro, Scarbro Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.  
 1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
 1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Booth, at 6.0. (Instruction.)  
 1488—St. Elsie, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.  
 R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 M. M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

## WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7  
 183—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 229—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)  
 1186—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.0. (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Fawcett Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.  
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.  
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot.  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.  
 129—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.  
 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.  
 299—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.  
 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
 339—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
 580—Harmony, Wheatsheaf, Ormskirk.  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.  
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.  
 759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.  
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.  
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction.)  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
 1091—Erne, Erne House, Ivybridge, Devon.  
 1107—Alawick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.  
 1215—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.  
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
 1323—Tallbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigau.  
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
 1470—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
 1620—Mariborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithevaite.  
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shore-ditch.  
 R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
 R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequers' Inn, Bishop's Stortford.  
 R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.  
 M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R. C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester.

## THURSDAY, 6th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Faversham, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Miford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston.  
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
 21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.  
 31—United Industrial, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 41—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
 51—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colno.  
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 263—Naphthalis, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.  
 269—Fidelity, White Ball Hotel, Blackburn.  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Huddersfield.  
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.  
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.  
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham.  
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth.  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.  
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.  
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester.

360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.  
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin.  
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.  
 816—Rord, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.  
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.  
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.  
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.  
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.  
 1381—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.  
 1473—Boothle, Town Hall, Boothle, Lancashire.  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padliham, near Burnley.  
 1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.  
 1591—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.  
 R. A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.  
 R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.  
 R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herno Hill.  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

### FRIDAY, 7th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. S. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1155—Belgrave, Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1260—John Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1293—Pinsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mire Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.  
 41—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
 401—Royal Forest, Hawk to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn.  
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford.  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.  
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.  
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth.  
 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill.  
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.  
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1661—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.  
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone.

### SATURDAY, 8th MARCH.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
 303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.  
 K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

No. 1793.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge, Teddington.  
 1794.—De Vere Lodge, Nottingham.  
 1795.—Combermere Lodge, Albany, New South Wales.  
 1796.—Balranald Lodge, Balranald, New South Wales.  
 1797.—South Down Lodge, Hursley, Sussex.  
 1798.—Zion Lodge, Manchester.  
 1799.—Arnold Lodge, Walton-on-Naze, Essex.  
 1800.—Memorial Lodge, King William's Town, South Africa.  
 1801.—St. George Lodge, Dargaville, Auckland, New Zealand.  
 1802.—Vernon Lodge, East Reiford, Notts.  
 1803.—Cornhill Lodge, Lombard-street.  
 1804.—Coborn Lodge, Bow.  
 1805.—Bronley St. Leonard's Lodge, Bromley, Middlesex.  
 1806.—Corinthian Lodge of Amoy, Amoy, China.  
 1807.—Loyal Wye Lodge, Builth, Breconshire.  
 1808.—Suffield Lodge, North Walsham, Norfolk.  
 1809.—Lodge Fidelis, Guernsey.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—According to the announcement made in this Journal, the annual banquet was served by Bro. Maidwell, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday. Bro. Thomas B. Biddle W.M., Medcalf S.W., Boue J.W., Maidwell I.G., Bush Treasurer, Pitt Secretary. The Lodge was opened in due form. The following brethren were elected members:—Bros. Abraham 205, Ward 205, Bergmann 1671, Daré 1185. The following brethren were also present:—G. W. Churchill St. John 54, E. Nickerson Concord, W. Simmons and E. Sudway Royal Oak, Hollands, Fills, Craske, Sayer, Macdonald, Millhouse, Moss. The after proceedings were of a most convivial character, and songs with piano accompaniment, and recitations were given; the speeches were brief and to the point.

On Wednesday, 5th March, the Lodge will meet at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, as usual, when the Fifteen Sessions will be worked by Bro. Thos. J. Barnes and the following brethren:—Bros. W. Masto P.M. 1349 S.W., C. H. Webb W.M. 1607 J.W., E. Gottlieb P.M. 174 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Biddle, Walker, Bush, Moss, McDonald, Calver, Stephens. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Sayer, Williams, Job, Masto, Gardiner. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Cohen, Webb and Burr.

**Tudor Chapter, No. 277, Oldham.**—A meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday evening, the 17th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Oldham, at 6 o'clock. The proceedings were opened in due form, and with the usual solemnities, under the presidency of Comp. P.P. Henry Lees Hollingworth as M.E.Z., Henry Thomas H., and James Lees Page J. The minutes of the preceding Chapter were read and confirmed. The next business being the installation of the Principals for the ensuing twelvemonths, the very eminent and worthy Companion James Hall, P.P.G.P.S. of Lancashire, was requested to perform that ceremony, and the three Principals elect were duly presented to him in open Chapter and obligated. A council of Installed Principals was afterwards formed, and the Principals invested, after which the other Companions were admitted into the Chapter, and saluted their newly-installed superiors, viz., Comps. Henry Thomas M.E.Z., James Lees Page II., and Joseph Crompton Lees J. The Officers having then been severally invested and admonished by the Installing Principal, the magnificent and impressive ceremony was concluded by an earnest address to the Companions generally. So complete was the satisfaction of the Chapter at the very able manner in which Companion P.P. James Hall performed the beautiful ceremony, that it is their intention to elect him as honorary member, as a slight token of their appreciation of his services, and his kindness in having for several years installed their Principals. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to a banquet of the most *riche* character, which reflected the highest credit upon Mr. Chew, the manager of the Freemasons' Hall.

**Yarborough Lodge, No. 633.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Present:—Bros. J. L. Aspland W.M., John Rohmer I.P.M., Geo. Smedley S.W., J. B. Whitehead J.W., S. Walkden Sec., W. H. Hopkins P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Treasurer, S. Witton S.D., R. Buckley I.G., James Sly Tyler; E. Nathan P.M., &c. Visitor:—S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and ratified. Sundry business of a private nature was despatched, after which the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**New Concord Lodge, No. 813.**—On Thursday, 20th February, at the Guildhall Tavern. Present Bros. William Stead W.M., R. R. Harper S.W., S. George J.W., J. Stilwell Treasurer, W. H. Main P.M. Secretary, William Gabb S.D., James Taylor J.D., W. Pierpoint D.C., J. Boulton Steward, J. Thomas I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler. Past Masters Bros. T. Bartlett, Casworth, and H. J. Gabb. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. Chadwick and Haslip were ballotted for and unanimously elected. Bro. Johnson was passed; Bro. Harnutt was raised to the degree of W.M. The Lodge was resumed, and Mr. Chadwick being in attendance, was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The ceremonies were admirably worked by the W.M. Bro. R. R. Harper S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Stilwell was re-elected Treasurer, both events being unanimous, and Bro. Speight Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted to the W.M. for his onerous services. A strong and friendly competition took place among the brethren as to who should represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival for the Girls' School, it was eventually arranged that Bro. Blyth and Pierpoint represent the Lodge, and Bro. Gabb P.M. the Chapter. All Masonic business being over, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sister's Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present:—Bros. Cur W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Polak S.D., Smyth J.D., Lovelock I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas. P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Brasted, Collins, Weige, Clark, C. Lorkin, and others. The W.M. worked the ceremony of installation, Bro. J. Lorkin candidate; also the ceremony of passing, with the same candidate, who answered the questions most perfectly. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and regularly closed. Bro. M. Christian was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.



**Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.**—The Installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 24th ult. The W.M., Bro. Simson John Byng, who has had a most successful and pleasant year of office, installed his successor in a most impressive and eloquent manner, and was listened to by the brethren with the most rapt attention. The banquet which followed was of the most *récherché* description, and served in Bro. Clemow's best style, which the brethren, some 65 in number, appeared to do ample justice to. Bros. H. Pocock W.M., H. Taylor S.W., C. Wale J.W., Gabb S.D., Turner J.D., Wilkins I.G., S. J. Byng I.P.M. Installing Master.

**Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.**—On 21st February, at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel, E. Present:—Bros. I. P. Cohen P.M. W.M., Job S.W., Richards J.W., B. Cundick P.M. Preceptor, W. Musto P.M. Sec., Slaughter S.D., Clayton J.D., West I.G. Past Master T. J. Barnes; Bros. Macdonald, Hinds, Wells, Webb, Moss, Ellis, Stephens, Austin, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes of previous meeting confirmed. Ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Bro. Barnes worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Job was elected W.M. for next meeting.

**Robert Burns Lodge, No. 999.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Monday, the 24th February. Present:—Bros. Alfred Bacon W.M., Jas. Glossop S.W., J. McKinless J.W., J. Townes Secretary, Geo. E. Wike S.D., J. Sutton I.G., T. Oliver and R. W. Aikins Stewards, Jas. Lawton Tyler; Past Masters E. H. Flower, H. J. Stephens, W. Scott Brown, J. Whittington, &c., and Bros. J. Kirby, E. G. Glasbrook, R. Jones. The Visitors were largely in excess of the members present, and never have we seen so few brethren assemble for an installation meeting. When we take into account the ability and popularity of the Installing Master, Bro. James A. Birch, P.P.J.G.W., &c., &c., this is all the more to be regretted. It is quite a treat to listen to the power and eloquence with which our worthy Brother performs this sacred rite. We do not know much of the past capabilities of the Officers of No. 999, or of its prosperity, but it is deplorable to witness the working as now set forth. Do the brethren fancy that the name of the immortal Robert Burns will attract recruits; and the honour of sitting beneath this banner hold the aspiring Mason spell bound? The name of Robert Burns awakens inspiration, teaches duty, method, and the reward of indomitable perseverance. He who "saw that hieroglyphic light which none but Craftsmen ever know," would have us see and teach it thoroughly. With every kind and brotherly feeling we say to the brethren of No. 999, Onward, forward. Do not let your sun set in the east (one of the P.M.'s at a certain stage of the proceedings said it did), but rather let it traverse its course and fulfil its glorious mission. We commend Lodges of Instruction, as being capable of imparting a vast amount of practical knowledge. Bro. Glossop having been duly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelvemonths, with the able assistance of Bro. Birch, proceeded to invest his Officers for the next year. It was proposed by Bro. Townes, that a sum of five guineas be voted from a fund (this fund is called the "Suspension Fund," instituted for obvious private reasons) to the R.M.B.I.; this was seconded and carried unanimously. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed.

**Egerton Lodge, No. 1030.**—The monthly meeting was held at the George Hotel, Heaton Norris, near Stockport, on Monday the 17th ult. Present:—Bros. W. H. Vaughan W.M., James Abbott P.M. (as I.P.M.), F. Staples S.W., J. Ledger J.W., E. S. Newton Sec., A. B. Ferns Treas., A. Ferns as S.D., O. Wilkinson J.D., Wm. Hope Orgst., J. Meadows Tyler. Past Master E. Hardon P.S.G.D., and Bros. A. Pemberton, C. Crash, W. H. L. Cameron, &c. S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, visitor. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The W.M. worked the Lodge to the third, for the purpose of conferring on Bro. W. H. L. Cameron the sublimé degree, which ceremony was performed. The Lodge then resumed labour in the E. A. degree, and it was announced that Bro. C. J. Howard had presented to the Charity Fund of the Lodge the handsome sum of £5. As a mark of the appreciation of the brethren for this gift, Bro. Ferns moved and Bro. S. Warden seconded a vote of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Howard for the donation, which was unanimously carried. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to supper. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the toasts, which were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the Prov. G. Master, Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, the W.M. said every member present ought to drink that toast with more than usual heartiness, as their Province had been notably brought before the Masonic world in a manner they were all proud of. The esteem in which their Prov. G.M. was held was fully shown by the splendid subscription sent up through him to the recent Festival of the R.M.B.I., and the able manner in which the R. W. Bro. carried on the important duties devolving on him on this great occasion, and indeed at all times, evinced to every Mason that East Lancashire was Masonically governed by one of the ablest and most justly esteemed brethren. He therefore called upon the brethren to respond heartily to the toast. This was done, with Masonic honours. Brother Hope favoured the brethren with a selection on the piano. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visiting Brother, and greatly regretted there were not others present to receive their cordial welcome. He felt he was expressing the true feeling of their brethren when he said that the Egerton Lodge was always happy to see visitors at their meetings, to partake of the hospitality for which the Lodge is distinguished. They were pleased to see Bro. Davies, and hoped he would come again. Bro. Vaughan called upon the brethren to drink with heartiness to the toast, which was done with

musical honours. Bro. Ferns kindly gave the next song; after which Bro. Davies sincerely thanked the W. Master for the kind manner in which he had submitted the toast; he was very grateful to the Brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He was assured the toast of the Visitors was always honoured by the Egerton Lodge, and the same kindness that had been shown him was extended to every Brother who might visit the Lodge. On his first visit to the Egerton, he had had an opportunity of seeing the first degree conferred on the Brother who had attained the degree of Master Mason that night, and he most heartily congratulated the W.M. on his working, and for the zeal with which he administers the affairs of his Lodge. He was sure no W. Master could take a deeper interest in the well working of the beautiful ritual of our glorious Order than Bro. Vaughan, he was equally sure no Lodge more thoroughly appreciates its W.M. than the members of this Lodge. He had visited this Lodge to-night when he was not expected, for two reasons, first to confirm former impressions, which were very favourable, and to endeavour to correct an erroneous impression that had unfortunately got into the minds of some brethren who belong to sister Lodges of the adjoining province. He was sure the W. Master and brethren of this Lodge wished to be put in a proper light before the brethren who have formed an erroneous idea of the sentiment of its members, and the administration of its affairs. He had now the satisfaction of telling the Worshipful Master and brethren that he should, through the medium of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, convey to the brethren of Stockport the assurance that in no Lodge had he seen a more strict regard for the principles and tenets of our Order, more efforts to please on the part of the W.M., more dutiful respect paid to the chair, or more harmony, and accord between Officers and Brethren, and finally, no more fraternal hospitality than in the Egerton Lodge. He had twice experienced as much pleasure in visiting them as any other Lodge he had ever entered. After a song by Bro. Meadows, Bro. E. Hardon P.S.G.D. rose, by permission of the W.M., to propose the next toast: It was an auspicious occasion to celebrate the toast he had the pleasure of proposing; the Worshipful Master had ever taken a deep interest in the affairs of the Lodge, in the Province, and in the Craft universal; he had just returned from London, where he represented this Lodge as Steward for one of the noblest Charities of our Order. With the permission of the W.M., he would say a few words in reference to what Bro. Davies had remarked. This Lodge had held a peculiar position in relation to the sister Lodges of the town, being in another province, yet on the borders of Cheshire. Formerly it was held at the Chapel House Inn, and it had been moved here and resuscitated by an old P.M. of the Lodge; we have thus become close neighbours to our Cheshire brethren, but the members wished it to be clearly understood there was no unseemly rivalry felt by those of this Lodge to any Lodge or brethren. We, as a Lodge, visit very little, but there is no Lodge that extends a more hearty welcome to Visitors, and we have many who honour us, as our books will show. We have no disinclination to visit our Sister Lodges; we always accept invitations, and our W.M. and others have attended as often as possible. He was sure Bro. Davies would put them right in this respect. But to return to the toast. All were very pleased to see the W.M. so well up in his work. The working of the third degree is not an easy task, even for old P.M.'s, and Bro. Vaughan's working to-night showed how truly he discharges the duties of his exalted position. He would now call on the members to drink the W.M.'s health in a bumper, which was done with twenty-one guns. Bro. S.W. gave the next song, the W.M. then thanked the brethren for the manner in which the toast had been received. Ever since he had occupied the chair, he had experienced great kindness from the brethren. During his year of office, he should strive to discharge his duties with satisfaction to all. It was his desire to see his among the leading Lodges of the Province. It had been represented at the recent Festival by Bro. Hardon, to whom all were greatly indebted. As a Lodge in the corner of the Province they were not lost in oblivion. On his return from London he had felt much pleasure in the knowledge that their Province had done so nobly in supporting the Prov. G.M. It speaks well for a Province that can raise the largest sum that has ever been subscribed for a Masonic Charity. People who know nothing of our Order, or who misrepresent us, will now admit that Freemasons are not selfish, and that a Masonic Lodge is not a convivial club. He should always think of his visit to London as Steward to the R.M.B.I. with great pleasure, and would wear the jewel, which commemorates the event with pride. He trusted the members might continue to bestow their funds on such noble institutions, and that they might accumulate enough votes to make them as a Lodge conspicuous in the Province. Bro. Abbott proposed the health of the Officers; in doing so he said the talent possessed by the Officers enabled the Egerton to become a fine working Lodge. The toast was warmly received, after which Bro. Ferns obliged with "The March of the Men of Harlech," he was accompanied by Bro. Hope. Bro. S.W. replied to what he considered a difficult toast, yet he felt he should be justified in saying he wished to do his work thoroughly, and he thought the other Officers entertained the same idea. Bro. Ferns felt that the Officers were not filled so efficiently as the W.M. discharged his duties; he hoped the brethren would use their utmost efforts for furthering the interest of the Lodge. Other Officers returned thanks, and then Bro. S.W. asked permission to propose an extra toast, that of the newly appointed Organist, a brother who, in every respect, had done the utmost he could to conduce to the comfort of the brethren and the efficiency of the Lodge. Bro. Hope, for this special mark of esteem, expressed himself as always ready to do all in his power for the welfare of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated, pleased with having celebrated an enjoyable meeting.

**Sykes Lodge, No. 1040.**—The brethren of the Sykes Lodge, Driffield, met on the 19th inst., to instal their W.M. elect, Bro.



**Santon S.W.** The ceremony was performed, according to ancient custom, by Bro. Richard Boggett P.M. 1605. The Worshipful Master then installed the following Officers:—Bros. Esau Wilson I.P.M., John Dunn S.W., James Scott Wilson J.W., Ralph Teal P.M. Treasurer, Samuel Chadwick Chaplain, Henry Holgreaves Secretary, Marmaduke Simpson S.D., George Bielby J.D., Richard Hornby D.C., James Elgey P.M. Almoner, John Terry Kirby I.G., William Barnby and William Ross Stewards, Robert Potts Tyler. The Installation Banquet was afterwards held at the Bell Hotel, at which the Worshipful Master presided, being supported by several Provincial Grand Officers and Past Masters. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a subscription of £10 10s was made to endow one of the chairs with a life vote for one of the Charities. After a few hours spent in that social intercourse peculiar to the Craft, the brethren retired to their homes.

**Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday evening, the 19th ult., when the following were among the brethren present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan W.M., A. N. Nowens S.W., A. B. Walker J.W., W. J. Huntley S.D., J. J. Holland J.D., F. W. Wardroper I.G., J. Frost Secretary, S. C. Landon D.C., S. Steed Tyler, E. H. Boddy P.M., H. R. Jones P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., J. G. Kewney P.M., and Bros. R. Walker, John Stirr, George Fortescue, and A. A. Denham. The Visitors were: Bro. C. Digby (the newly-installed W.M. of the Doric, 933), and Bro. W. S. Stewart (of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45), who wore the centenary medal. The Lodge being duly opened, the W.M. very impressively initiated Mr. Thomas Arnison, Truro Villa, Wimbledon, and Mr. W. T. Bell, of New Wandsworth. The brethren afterwards proceeded to elect two Past Masters as Trustees of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, and after some discussion, Bros. Carter and Boddy were unanimously chosen. The Lodge was closed in due form, and an adjournment was made to the banquet room. The W.M., upon the cloth being removed, gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, with his usual felicity. Bro. Digby in replying to the toast of the Visitors, referred to a remark from the W.M. that brethren were always welcomed at the 1044. He (Bro. Digby) had heard of "knife and fork" Masons; but he thought that, as the ruling principle of Freemasonry was Charity, that more attention to the Charities, and less to the fourth degree—(laughter)—would be better. Bro. Stewart also humorously replied, and said that in his Lodge the brethren were induced to forego a banquet so as to subscribe more to the Charities. He thought such a sacrifice—one of the stomach—was deserving all praise. (Laughter). The other usual toasts having been given, the Tyler's brought the evening's meeting to a close.

**Hartington Lodge, No. 1085, Derby.**—A very distinguished gathering of Freemasons took place at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 5th ult., the occasion being the anniversary meeting of the above Lodge, and the Installation of its W.M. for the ensuing twelve months. The Lodge was opened by Bro. George Pipes P.G.O., the retiring Master. Bro. M. H. Bobart P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire subsequently assumed the chair, and then Bro. Joseph Heathcoat S.W. was presented by two P.M.'s—Bros. S. Pipes P.P.S.G.D., and J. Worsnop P.P.G.P.—for the benefit of Installation, which ceremony was thereupon proceeded with by Bro. Bobart. It was most efficiently and impressively performed, and called forth high encomiums. The newly installed Master invested Bro. G. Pipes the I.P.M., Bro. Bobart the Treasurer, and his Officers as follow:—Bros. W. B. Hextall S.W., J. O. Manton J.W., W. Butterfield Sec., J. E. Russell S.D., C. D. Hart J.D., J. Parkins M.C., J. Pakeman I.G., and G. Johnson and J. Lane Stewards. A handsome Past Master's jewel, voted by the Lodge, was afterwards presented to Bro. G. Pipes in recognition of his very able Mastership during the past twelve months, and was suitably acknowledged by him. There was also an amount of ten guineas voted from the Lodge funds to the Masonic Institution for Girls. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. At an early stage of the evening the W.M. was compelled to retire, owing to indisposition; the toast of the evening—that to the W.M., therefore, was robbed somewhat of its interest; nevertheless, the W.M. was very highly spoken of, and his work in the subordinate positions in the Craft was very favourably commented upon. The toast to the Visitors was the next in interest, and showed that the Hartington Lodge heartily welcomed members of other Lodges, and that its welcome was fully appreciated. Next, perhaps, stands the toast to the Officers of the Lodge. In the selection of the Senior and Junior Wardens, it was confidently anticipated that the chair of the Lodge would not lack a suitable occupant at least for some time to come, and as regards the other Officers, their work hitherto proved that much might yet be looked for amongst them. Our space is too limited to give the names of all those present, and it is a difficult matter to make a selection from such a large assembly of Masons of high rank. However, we give a few names:—Bros. T. Cox P.M. Prov. G. Treas., W. Naylor P.M. Prov. G. Sec., W. H. Marsden P.M., and F. Campion P.M., each of whom are also P.P.S.G.W.'s of the Province, E. R. Ward W.M. 253, G. Small P.M. 787, T. C. Hammond P.M. 253, and W. Merry P.M. 1179. Bro. Stone the Tyler, was almost overlooked in our report, but such a deserving Officer and such a well-informed Mason is at all times prominent, and, as it happens, he very suitably "tyles" this report.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday 12th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., John Early Danks S.W., William Ferguson J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treas., E. J. Blackwell S.D., Richard Dowsett J.D., W. W. Ridley D.C., J. H. Hawke Steward, C. R. Honey I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. A. Welch I.P.M. Members—Bros. Vowles, Hunt,

White, Cordrey, Prickett, Rhind. Visitors—Bros. Pocock P.M., F. Blackwell I.G., F. Ferguson J.D., Hawkes, all of 414, Major J. E. Shanks, Greenock, Kilwinning 12 G.L.S., P.M., P.P.G.W. Devon, Sincerity 189 G.L.E. Business—The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. One of the two candidates for initiation put in an appearance, and was duly admitted by the W.M. into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The charge was given by Bro. Welch I.P.M. in his usual fervent and effective manner. Bro. Major Shanks congratulated the W.M. and Officers on the superior working. All business being ended the Lodge was closed.

**John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.**—The Master and Wardens of the Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, having petitioned H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the Most Worshipful Grand Master for permission to alter the title of the Lodge, by prefixing "John" before "Hervey," and thus unmistakably identifying this Lodge with our esteemed Grand Secretary, who was one of its founders, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was graciously pleased to grant the prayer that the Lodge be henceforth called the "John Hervey" Lodge, No. 1260, London.

**John Hervey Lodge of Instruction, No. 1260.**—Held under the sanction of the Mother Lodge. Bros. Saul P.M. Preceptor, Edward A. Baber P.M. 452 Sec., H. J. Dean Org. This Lodge of Instruction having removed to a private room, in the Albion Hall, London-wall, City, members of the Craft are invited to attend and co-operate. Bro. H. J. Dean Org. has generously offered to give his services in conducting the Musical portion of the ritual. The first meeting of the Lodge of Instruction, in its new quarters, will be on Monday, 3rd March, and every succeeding Monday evening, at 8 o'clock punctually.

**Hilda Chapter Rose Croix.**—The annual Convocation for installation of M.W.S. and Officers for the year, was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Wednesday evening. There was a nice attendance of members and visitors although many letters of apology were read from members laid up by illness. The M.W.S. Bro. T. Cooper presided, and opened the Chapter, after which the ceremony of installation of the M.W.S. elect (Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) was proceeded with by M.I. Bro. C. J. Banister 33 deg. (Bradford) S.G.I.G. for the Northern District. He afterwards appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead H.P. and acting Recorder, J. S. Cumberland First Gen., Rev. W. C. Lukis Second Gen., T. Cooper P.S. Treas., M. Millington G.M., A. T. B. Turner R., T. M. Richey Herald, P. H. Rowland C. of G., P. Pearson and H. Jackson Equerries. A committee was appointed to draw up a new code of bye-laws; a satisfactory balance sheet was presented by the auditors, and the Chapter was closed. The members dined together the same evening, and a pleasant reunion was experienced.

**Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.**—A meeting was held on 24th February at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Tyler W.M., Cattelle S.W., Howarth J.W., E. Beer Treas., W. Carter Sec., Vautier S.D., Miskin J.D., Naylor P.M. D.C., Widgery Steward, Price I.G. Past Masters Bros. Blamire, Hammond. Business—The Lodge was regularly opened, and the minutes confirmed. The working tools of the E.A. degree were explained, and the questions leading from 1st to 2nd were answered by the brethren generally. The Lodge was opened to the 3rd, lowered, and closed in due and ancient form.

**New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695.**—The first meeting of this Lodge at its new quarters was held at the Alexandra Palace, on Tuesday, the 18th ult. The members present being Bros. W. T. Parkis W.M., T. Press S.W., H. B. D. Dunn J.W., R. V. Davies Treas., A. J. Berry Sec., H. C. Frampton S.D., J. N. Thompson J.D., J. Eldridge D.C., George Edmunds I.G., E. Grout Org., G. Carey Steward; T. Jackson, C. Hutchinson, J. Cox, J. H. Bastable, S. Hawkins, G. Chalder, J. Reed, J. Brown and G. E. Frodsham. The Visitors were Bros. H. Hallis P.M. 167 P.G.S.B. Herts, J. Rowe P.M. 167, J. Shackell P.M. 193, J. Yeoman W.M. 167, J. F. O. Wood 1288, G. Searle 1288, A. Sheller 217, J. Wilkinson 167, J. Scouryard 1178, and A. J. Mucklow 1658. The Lodge having been opened, Bro. J. Reed was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and Bro. J. Brown was passed to the degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for Bro. G. E. Frodsham of No. 3, who was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. having announced his intention to serve as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School, the sum of £5 5s was voted from the Lodge funds to be placed on his list. After propositions for joining and initiation, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet, provided in the best style by Bros. Bertram and Roberts, the spirited proprietors of the Alexandra Palace. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given; that of the Visitors was eloquently responded to by Bro. Hallis. Several vocal contributions by the brethren concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

**King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732.**—Amongst the most successful of our recently consecrated Lodges, we may justly place in the first rank No. 1732. It will be in the recollection of our readers that this Lodge, consecrated in 1878, is an offshoot of the Metropolitan, which formerly held its meetings at the Metropolitan Club, King's-cross-road. In course of time, the number of members who enrolled themselves under the banner of 1507, so increased as to overtax the limited accommodation at the disposal of the executive of the club; hence a move had to be made, and the members availed themselves of the opportunity offered by Bro. Clemow, and fixed their habitation at

Anderton's Hotel. As a consequence, therefore, when the King's Cross Lodge was being formed, the promoters, who for the most part were members of the Metropolitan, were not unmindful of the invariable attention and courtesy that had been shown them, and as the new Lodge was to be confined to the modest proportion of thirty members, came to an agreement that the Metropolitan Club should be fixed upon as their *locale*. On Saturday, the 15th ultimo, the first anniversary meeting was held, when the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. 1507, &c., who was supported by his Officers and a large attendance of Visitors, of whom we may name the following:—H. G. Buss A.G.S.J., Terry Sec. R.M.B.I., T. Adams P.G.P., E. E. B. Kidder J.D. 12, E. F. Pardon 948, J. G. McEwan 1507, J. C. Edmonds 1507, F. W. Sillis 1744, G. W. Pauley 1507, S. Beattie 1507, H. A. Robinson 65, W. Millis P.M. 157, H. Ash P.M. 179, H. Dimsdale 1507, F. H. Dimsdale 1507, T. Gilbert 1507, T. Gilbert jun., S. Hickman P.M. 188, C. W. Hudson W.M. elect 315, H. Hamilton (Fitzroy) 539, L. Ramford P.M. 91, T. M. Orniston 1507, M. Little 1507, S. Bamberger S.W. 1366, H. J. Flaws 228, G. H. Churchley W.M. 615, J. Douglass 1507, J. Irvine 862, E. Moss 1706, A. J. Thompson 1507, C. Sheath 1507, J. G. Humphreys I.G. 167, H. Connew Burgoyne, E. Kelly 851, G. Musgrove 1507, W. Harmer 71, &c. The preliminary business being disposed of, Bro. W. M. Stiles was introduced to Bro. Michael, who acted as Installing Officer, and the ceremony was performed, Bro. Terry rendering goodly assistance as Director of Ceremonies. Our respected Bro. Michael, though suffering from severe indisposition threw into his work all his wonted zeal and energy, and on completion of his labours received the applause of the Brethren. Bro. Stiles then appointed his Officers:—Bros. J. T. Briggs P.M. S.W., H. Stiles J.W., J. J. Michael I.P.M. Treas., F. Sainsbury Sec., H. Higgins P.M. S.D., L. Solomon J.D., L. Jacobs I.G., G. H. Goringe D.C., B. Kanfmann A.D.C., C. B. Putland W. Steward, W. R. Yates Assist. W. Steward, J. Daly Tyler. The new W.M.'s first duty was to present, on behalf of the Lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Michael for his eminent services, for which also a vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. P.M. Knight, seconded by Bro. S.W. Briggs, and carried unanimously. In addition, the members of the Lodge had requested Bro. Stiles to offer for Bro. Michael's acceptance, an illuminated address, which bore the following inscription:—

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The way in which Bro. Stiles expressed himself as he handed Bro. Michael these tokens of the members' regard seemed to have an overpowering effect, and Bro. Michael was compelled to ask the indulgence of the brethren, as his physical prostration was indeed great. However, later in the evening he would strive to thank them. After hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of a capital banquet, which was well served by Brother Cox, the manager of the Club, and on the removal of the cloth the customary toasts and complimentary speeches were given. We regret our space will not permit of our extending this report; we will merely add that under the new Master, Bro. Stiles, the King's Cross Lodge is sure to prosper; he is one of the most sincere Masons we know.

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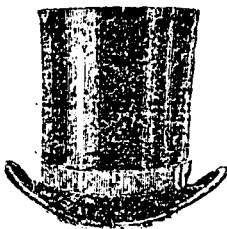
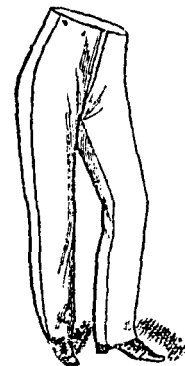
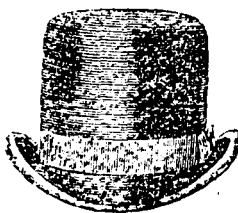
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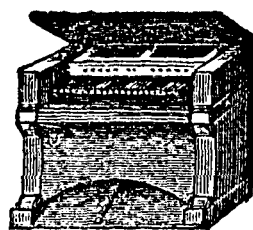
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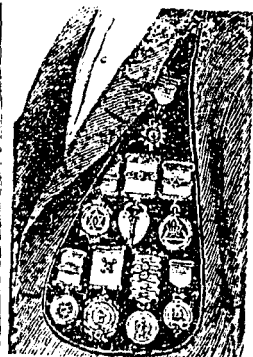
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